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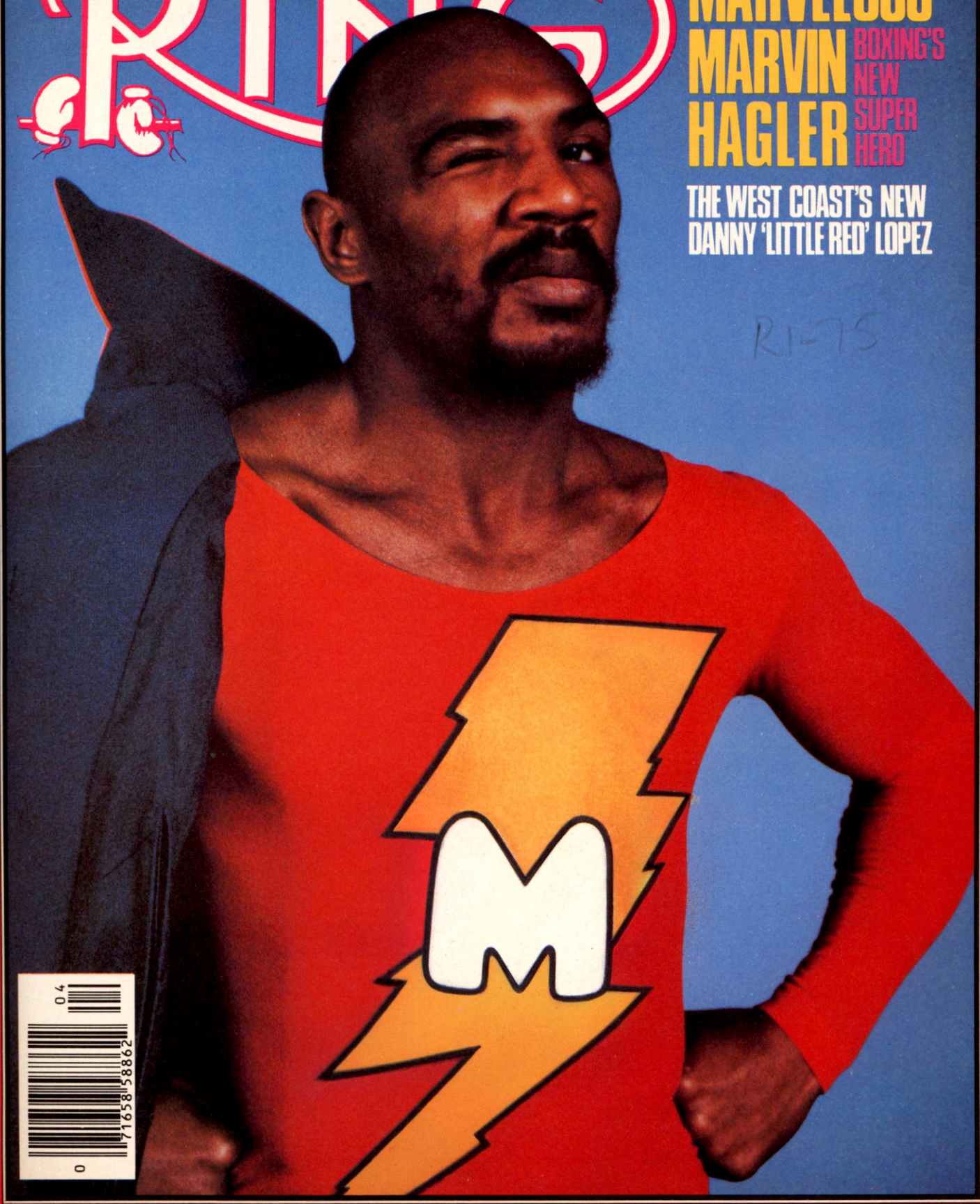

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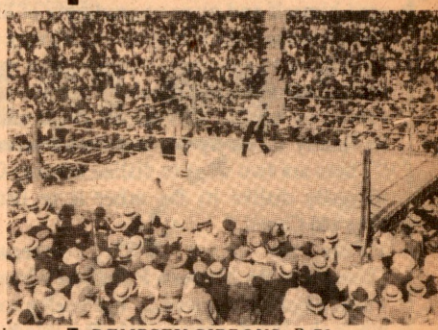

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RINGSIDE

ANNOUNCERS ARE TO TELEVISED BOXING what bull fighting is to agriculture. Their purpose seems to be less to nurture the product than to tear up the very ground it is built on, to trample both the wheat and the chaff into one indistinguishable mess and to obsfuscate everything around it with fertilizer. And nobody seems to do it better than Howard Cosell.

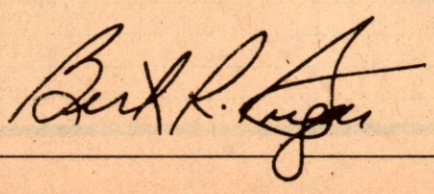
In a sport so subjective, so sensitive to the nuances of a supposedly impartial announcer and so subtle as to escape all but the most discerning, Howard Cosell stands alone—if not tall—as the boxing announcer who has demonstrated, time and again, that he knows very little about the game but is not afraid to describe it. Oh, yes, he occasionally stumbles over the truth, but he manages to pick himself up and hurry on as if nothing had happened.

Howard comes equipped to every fight to let off esteem. He acts as if he had just discovered himself and gives ungrudingly of his discovery to the world. Maybe his delivery offers something to someone; but just who we cannot tell. One knowledgeable fight fan was so moved by one of his recent "performances" he finally threw up his hands and screamed, "There are two ways to dislike boxing: One is to really dislike it; the other is to listen to Howard Cosell."

Take the recent WBA Featherweight Championship between Eusebio Pedroza and Patrick Ford, for instance. For twelve rounds, while the WBA champion beat a steady tatoo on the sides of his challenger, Howard never once came even remotely close to describing those debilitating body blows. Instead, he preferred to concentrate on Pedroza's footwork, his ability to "get off first," and Ford's split lip, which he intoned—with all the gravity of an inaugural address—was "seeking to reopen," his preoccupation with blood causing him to miss the real reason why Ford was winding down. Finally, when Pedroza's punches proved a boxing verity that has been around since Sam Langford first practiced it more than a half century ago, that "If you kill the body, the head will follow," and Ford crumpled to the canvas with six seconds to go in the thirteenth, did Cosell extricate himself from his own thoughts? No. He ascribed Ford's collapse to something called "fatigue." Really, Howard, that's like blaming the Johnstown Flood on a leaky faucet.

And, if that weren't enough, somehow Cosell, with an embarrassment of poverty, also managed to get off a dig at the sport that was paying his way, claiming that "Boxing will need a lot of big fights to remove the stench of that business (which) covered the pages of your newspapers . . . " One could only guess that Howard was trashing boxing by hinting of the MAPS scandal. But NBC's John Chancellor, only the week before, had called it a "Banking Scandal." And Red Smith, in his column, had said, "If it is a scandal of any variety, then it is a banking scandal or perhaps a computer scandal."

No, Howard, the only thing scandalous is your inability to announce the fight in front of you. We call on you to curb your doggerel, to quit while you're behind and turn in your mike. That way your great unrecognized incapacity can be taken off the airwaves forever.



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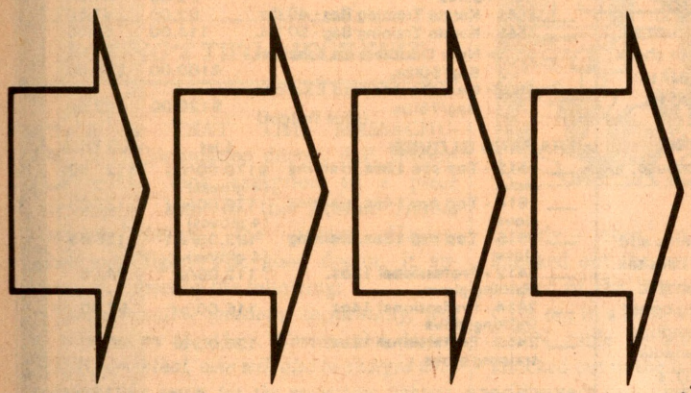

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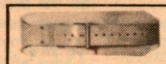

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"LOOK MA, I'M ON TOP OF THE WORLD"

WHEN A MAN AMBLED OUT ON the ledge of a building, threatening to jump for lack of a job, who else did the California police call but Muhammad Ali, he of the silvery tongue who has talked his way out of more than one sticky situation?

Ali went up to the floor where the man was posturing, preparatory to jumping, and tried to talk him down.

"Hey Nigger," said Ali, trying to get him close enough to grab him, "Whatcha doin' out there?" The potential jumpee, startled by the presence of "The Great One", could only answer, "It's him."

Ali, finding out that the man was destitute and despondent over his inability to find a job, offered him food, housing and a job. That was enough. The man came in out of the cold.

Later, in Ali's car, the man turned to Ali and said, "Man, if you don't get me that job, I'm goin' back on that ledge."

P.S. Ali did; a job as an apprentice carpenter at $7.10 an hour.

BOXING'S TWO-PIECE SUIT

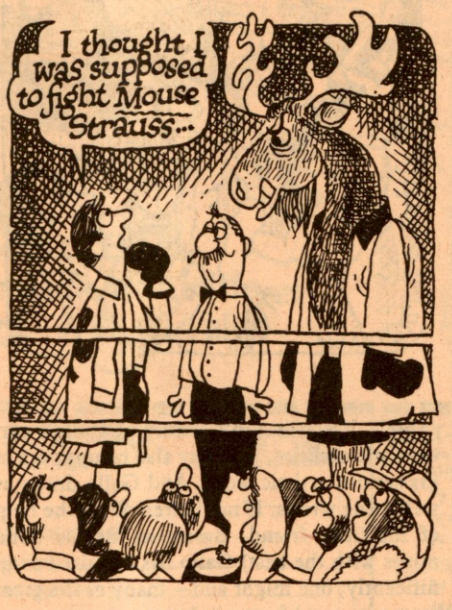
SEEMS THAT THE MASSACHUsetts Commission doctor, A.P. Bloomenthal, took exception to a piece referring to him in the Boston *Herald American* before the recent Hagler-Obelmejias fight. The good doctor, it appears, was upset by the following:

"The adrenaline solutions, incidentally, will be prepared by the Mass. Commission doctor, A.P. Bloomenthal, who will also be charged with providing the water for the respective fighters, and conducting the post-fight urinalysis. Considerable authority, in fact, was delegated to Dr. Bloomenthal, who somewhat resembles a mad scientist in appearance. Once the (rules) meeting was concluded, Dr. Bloomenthal approached promoter (Bob) Arum, shook his hand and asked 'is the other Commissioner here?' Arum stared blankly. 'What "other Commissioner?"' 'You know, Don King,' smiled the doctor."

Upon reading the article, Dr. Bloomenthal hied himself right out and got himself lawyers to represent him in what his lawyers called "a claim in consequence of a libelous and defamatory article'" which "caused the doctor embarrassment, humiliation, degradation and ridicule." The firm he hired to represent him? Why, Sisson, Lee and *Bloomenthal,* of course. Nothing like keeping your "embarrassment, humiliation, degradation and ridicule" all in the family.

SCUSE ME, BUT DIDN'T YOU USE TO BE. . . ?

BRUCE "THE MOUSE" STRAUSS OF Omaha, Neb. is notorious (or is that infamous?) for fighting quite frequently— even, so it seems, after being knocked out the very day before. Strauss, a master of the dramatic dive, fought Bobby Czyz on, in a bout which was televised on the ESPN cable network. Predictably, he was knocked out in the fourth round.



The very next night in Grand Island, Neb., Strauss again climbed into the ring—despite the fact that he should have been suspended for a minimum of 30 days because of his knockout the previous evening. A ringside groupie recognized, or thought he recognized, the man about to do battle.

"Hey, I saw you get knocked out last night on ESPN!" the excited fan proclaimed.

"No," Bruce retaliated, "You saw 'Moose' Strauss get knocked out. I'm 'Mouse'."

"Oh," was all the stunned fan could come back with.

Meanwhile 'Mouse' went on to finish the bout again in the fourth round, this time on the other end of the gloves, knocking out his opponent, Nick Milner.

Which only goes to prove that you can't always separate the mice from the men . . . or the moose for that matter.

FILM IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD

WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF FILMS depicting pugilistic life these days, comes an abundance of "fistic" language as well. Many of the films— "Raging Bull," "The Champ," "Main Event" etc.—are littered with what may be termed "four-letter words", which come as naturally to the lips of the boxing world as broth and oranges.

However, Rocky Balboa, AKA Sylvester Stallone, is one prizefighter who"keeps it clean". When questioned on why his films use no "four-letter words", Rocky replies, "Four-letter words? I can't count that high."

FOUL OF THE MONTH AWARD

BOSTON, WHICH HADN'T HOSTED A world title fight in 25 years before the recent Marvin Hagler-Fulgencio Obelmejias middleweight fight, may wonder why they don't host more. Maybe the reason can be found in their plastering the town with free "comp" tickets for any, and all, of their bureaucratic friends.

While challenger Obelmejias was battling to keep Hagler off of him, Irving Rudd, Top Rank's Director of Publicity, had just as hard a time keeping freeloaders—expecially those sent, brought and snuck in by the Massachusetts Athletic Commission—from entering the enclosed ringside press section, which was enclosed by a metal gate. Freeloaders came through the press gate opening. They crawled under legs and they scaled the fence. Fully one dozen "Commission Press Passes" were given out by Rudd. But it looked to those in

the press section, trying to do an honest night's work, that each of the 12 had brought 10 guests.

At the start of the main event, Rudd took his seat in the press section, near Obelmejias' corner. A well-dressed man quickly flopped down into the seat next to Rudd, looking like a child who had just won a game of musical chairs.

"Oh! another freeloader," groaned Rudd, audibly.

"I, sir, am *not* a freeloader," stated the suddenly self-important spectator, puffing himself up to pouter-pigeon proud. "I am the Secretary of Public Safety in Boston."

No wonder Rudd felt like Davey Crockett probably felt at the Battle of the Alamo as Santa Ana's Army came at him from all directions. And no wonder Boston doesn't host more fights. There's no room left for the working stiffs to cover them; especially when the non-working stiffs crowd them out at ringside.

MUSIC SOOTHES THE SAVAGE BEAST DEPT.

ED (TOO TALL) JONES, WHO HAS tried—in order of appearance—football and boxing, now is trying his hand, as opposed to his glove, at singing. Too Tall's first offering is something called "Funken on the Radio".

WHO CARES WHAT IT IS? JUST SHOW 'EM SOMETHING TO DO WITH BOXING

IN THE WAKE OF THE ALI-SCAM revelations, everyone, in the words of Jimmy Durante, was "trying to get into the act." One of those who left every stone unturned was the NBC Today Show, which ran a three-minute piece on the mysterious disappearance of Harold Smith and $21.3 million from the Wells-Fargo Bank.

In their stitched-together mini-commentary, with announcer Heidi Schulman doing the voice-over, continual reference was made to Smith, the promotional venture once known as Muhammad Ali Professional Sports (or "MAPS", to you lover of anagrams) and the missing money. Over one such reference to the "many boxing shows MAPS had put on," was a picture of a fight. Only trouble was the fight shown was the Mike Weaver-Gerrie Coetzee fight from South Africa, with the ringposts clearly identifying the locale as "Sun City" and the fight promoted by Bob Arum, not MAPS.

Oh, well, what the hell! The story said *something* about boxing and therefore it must have been another boxing scandal, not just an ordinary computer crime.

May the many-colored peacock drop a water bucket on the Today show for its dedication to good reportage and fact.

BILL FOR ART'S SAKE

BILL GALLO IS THE PRESIDENT OF the Boxing Writers Association and has been for the last five years. And he writes for the New York *Daily News*. Many of you may have read his stories and articles in the sports section, but did you ever look to find his name scrawled in the corner of the cartoons which appear in that same paper?

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DOWN FOR THE COUNT

PERRY, AARON, 54, ON DECEMBER 26, 1980, in Washington, D.C., after a long bout with cancer. Perry started boxing professionally at the age of 17 and won the majority of his 45 bouts by KO. Perry lost two very close decisions to Sammy Angott and was stopped in the sixth round by Henry Armstrong. Among his KO victims were Lew Hanbury, Vic Pignataro, Billy Banks and Fritzie Zivic. At the time of his death, Perry served as the Sergeant-At-Arms of the Washington Boxing Hall of Fame.

PUNCHLINES

WRITER VIC ZIEGEL, AT THE Holmes-Berbick press conference, on noting that one of Berbick's wins was over a fighter named "Him" (Horst Geisler): "He beat half a towel set."

Barney Nagler on Trainer-Manager Richie Giachetti: "Make a match? He can't even light one!"

Mike Marley, commenting on the omnipresent Mickey Duff, Maurice Hope's handler: "Where there's Hope, there's Duff."

Ron Stander, former heavyweight "opponent", now reduced to trying for one last payday while also training up-and-coming youngsters, to one young aspirant hitting the bag: "Work! Nobody ever said it was easy . . . If it were fun, everybody would be doing it."

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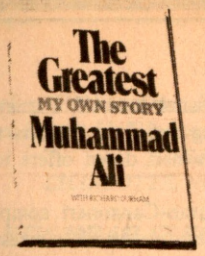

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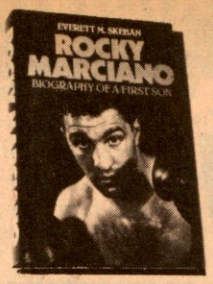

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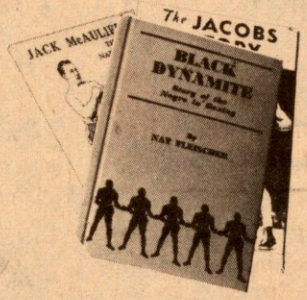

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COME OUT WRITING

COMPARING THE COMPARISONS

THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO THE young man—I assume he's young, judging from some of the statements he makes—who wrote to you disparaging some of the great fighters of the past, specifically Tony Canzoneri, Ike Williams and Wesley Ramey. This fellow is a perfect example of the type of person—and there are many of them today—who have been completely brainwashed by the many supersalesmen in the media, namely Howard the Huckster Cosell, whom I'm sure he considers the Ultimate Authority on boxing. These alleged experts, many of whom know nothing about boxing, either the technical aspects of boxing or its history, "experts" who are constantly telling the public how superior today's athletes are, the litany that goes like this: Bigger, Stronger, Faster. Well, my young friend, I can only tell you that this does not apply to boxing which consists of an entirely different set of disciplines.

This guy is hard to please. Tony Canzoneri's 139 wins is not enough for him or Ike's 124 wins against far superior opposition. And these men fought the best fighters in three divisions. Obviously this guy is impressed with the phoney won-lost records of today's fighters, compiled for the most part against nondescript mediocrities and, in some cases, even fictitious fighters. I'm referring of course to the scandal of a few years ago that revealed that some of the powers-that-be in boxing were conspiring to fabricate large parts of fighter's records to make them more palatable to a largely gullible public.

As for Wesley Ramey, he was one of the top lightweights of the thirties; a marvelous boxer and very fast who fought most of the outstanding fighters of the period, including the great Tony Canzoneri. And as for these men being "soprano"—as you called them—I can only say that, if they were, then Roberto Duran must be a contralto considering his refusal to sing and dance in that fiasco of last November.

No, my sadly misguided friend, the standards for measuring greatness today have been rendered meaningless.

VICTOR LABATE, QUEENS, N.Y.

IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF *THE RING* A letter appeared comparing Roberto Duran to past lightweights. Tony Canzoneri was dismissed because he lost to "mediocrities" like Wesley Ramey. Once an outstanding fighter, Ramey is long forgotten. He beat five men who held titles at one time or another but never got a title shot himself. Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers all had managers who turned down offers to fight Wesley Ramey.

As for the Duran-Canzoneri comparison, we first need a sound yardstick to measure the two. A won-loss record means nothing. Some fighters are more consistent than others. A man who has five bouts a year is more likely to be "up" for every fight than one who averages a dozen fights a year. The point of comparison is to determine what would happen if Canzoneri met Duran with both men at peak form, And knowing who had the best won-loss record won't tell you that.

Comparing knockout percentages is hardly useful. Forgotten great Teddy Yarosz has the second lowest percentage of any champion in his division but he still beat Tommy Freeman, Ben Jeby, Vince Dundee (three times), Pete Latzo, Babe Risko, Ken Overlin (twice), Solly Kreiger, Lou Brouillard, Billy Conn (once in three fights), and Archie Moore, all champions. He lost to Babe Risko when he had a torn cartiledge in his knee and lost to the great Lloyd Marshall on a decision which even Marshall's manager admitted was bad. Yarosz beat Marshall in a return.

Longevity is another factor used in judging fighters. Archie Moore, certainly a great fighter, usually gets the call as the all-time light heavy, partly because he won the title when he was 36 years old and still held it when he was 45. Ezzard Charles was an ex-champion at 30, but he beat Moore three times when Archie was in his prime.

Joe Louis once said that Billy Conn was an even better boxer than Charles. Conn beat ten world champions, five before he turned 21. His career was cut short at 23 because of World War II and he only had three fights afterward. He's only remembered as the guy who "almost" beat Louis. But when Conn was in his prime he would have beat Archie Moore on the best day Moore ever saw.

"No Mas" Comparisons. Please!

MALCOLM CHANNON
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

STILL MAS *ON DURAN*

I JUST FINISHED READING THE ARTIcle on the Leonard-Duran fight in the February issue.

Not only was it well written, but you managed to focus in on the most logical reason why Duran quit. He realized he was facing a better fighter on that particular night and he couldn't accept the humiliation of defeat.

What a pleasure it was to see how you waltzed through the obvious rationalizations that most pundits expoused about the fight's ending and arrived right on target with your conclusions.

And your final statement had hope too, for

those of us who know that Roberto Duran is a talented fighter. He'll be back.

JOSEPH F. THOMPSON, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

LET'S HEAR IT FOR BURNS

I'VE BEEN READING YOUR MAGAZINE now for more than fifteen years. It's always been a great piece of reading and my favorite bits have always been the historical articles on great fighters of the past. Nothing starts up a good argument like comparing fighters of the past and present. What fun!

How come during all this time you've never had a piece on my favorite old-timer, Tommy Burns? He was one of the best in his day and fought a lot of boys rated top-drawer in their day. His drawn battles with Mike Schreck (The Cincinnati Dutchman), Chicago's Tony Caponi, Hugo Kelly, Jack (Twin) Sullivan, and Billy Woods were classics.

I read an article from an old newspaper which says that Tommy Burns and Jack O'Brien were both at or under the light heavyweight limit of 175 lbs. and that they were also fighting for the championship of that weight class. This during their second meeting in 1907 which was won by Burns, making him the only man to hold both titles.

So how about some recognition for Tommy?

JACK VAN DE MEER, MONTREAL, CANADA

WAS "NO MAS" A COUP BAS?

READ WITH INTEREST YOUR ARTICLE on "What Really Happened" in the Leonard-Duran fight and can only say I agree. Especially after I watched the replay of the fight a month later and witnessed Roberto Duran, after having already called it "Quits" for the first time, getting hit in the stomach by a still-puzzled Sugar Ray Leonard before his utterance of "No mas" was understood. Here was a man who claims he was paralyzed, that he had a stomach ache and that he, his stomach—and the rest of his body—was malfunctioning. And yet, wonder of wonder, hit in the pit of the stomach, Roberto still did not flinch or double-up. Why can't he give us the truth, as you did?

ALEXIS MARTINEZ, MIAMI, FLORIDA

RATS ON KATZ

I AM WRITING BECAUSE OF MICHAEL Katz's article on Gerry Cooney. He tries to make the "moral majority" sound like a racist organization and that is not true. He should concentrate on writing about boxing and keep prejudiced and insulting remarks out of his articles.

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QUESTIONS & AN

Q Which heavyweight champion had the most one-round knockouts in title fights?

—SOL RICHMOND

A *Joe Louis, with five to his credit. In 1938, Joe iced Max Schmeling; 1939, Jack Roper; the same year, John Henry Lewis; 1942, it was Buddy Bear in 2:56; and in 1946, Tami Mauriello was kayoed in 2:09.*

Q Can you please inform me as to the meaning of the phrase, "a good club fighter"; and how it originated?

—ALEX SABATT

A *The term "a good club fighter" refers to a colorful, entertaining, popular fighter who has what it takes to command a following and public attention but lacks the finesse and ability to become highly rated. The term was originated years ago when New York had a great deal of sectional rivalry. One of the promoters, Silvey Burns, commenting on a fight held at the Commonwealth Club in Harlem—referred to two fighters, Frankie Jerome and Carl Duane both of whom were popular, non-stop boxers, albeit not too skilled, who filled arenas wherever they appeared—as "good club fighters." The term quickly caught on with promoters and newspapermen all over the country as one which referred to a fighter who was entertaining and popular, but not a top-notch pugilist.*

Q About 1950 I started to read a book on James D. Norris and before I could really get into it someone pilfered it. Now I have more time and would like to get a copy can you help me with the title and author?

—RUBERT SALDANA

A *The book to which you refer is "James Norris and the Decline of Boxing" by Barney Nagler. The book was published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc. in 1964.*

Q Is there any class in boxing that possesses a champion who is universally recognized?

—ALBERT DICKERSON

A *There is only one such championship; namely, the middleweight crown held by Marvin Hagler of Brockton, Mass., U.S.A. He is recognized by the WBA, the WBC and The Ring Magazine.*

WERS

Q In the course of The Ring Magazine's fifty-nine years has there been any one action photograph that created more attention than others?

—WILLIAM SERANO

A *There have been many such photographs. Perhaps the most famous one was the photo taken in the 13th round of the Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight championship fracas held on September 23, 1952, when Marciano won the title with a right hand punch to the jaw. The photographer, Herbie Scharfman, caught the punch landing on Walcott's jaw, the sweat and water spots dancing with the jar of Walcott's head as he moved away from the world of champions and into the world of ex-champions. Walcott fought but one more fight, that with Marciano the following year in which he was knocked out in the first round, after which he retired from the ring. The photo in question was used as covers on many magazines, including The Ring.*

Q I am told that "Old time" fighters used a preparation that toughened their face and hands so that they did not cut as easily as do modern boxers. Is this so?

—OSCAR ESPADAS

A *In the 1920's, and earlier, fighters often soaked both their hands and faces in a brine solution. It did toughen the skin, but it also had a tendency to make the athlete smell like a pickle. The modern breed went to after shaving solutions and although they bled a little more, they are now welcome in more polite society.*

Q To settle an argument: Did Earnie Shavers belt out Jimmy Young in a heavyweight fight or didn't he?

—AL McCABE

A *Yes he did. According to The Ring Record Book on February 19, 1973, Shavers knocked out Young in a Philadelphia ring in three rounds. Shavers later fought a draw with Young over ten rounds on November 26, 1974, at Landover, Maryland.*

Q Which two fighters fought each other the most times? Was it Ray Robinson and Jake LaMotta? I believe they met six times.

—KENNETH PHILLIPS

A *Robbie and Jake aren't even close. Sam Langford and Harry Wills hold that honor, having met twenty-three times, with Wills winning six, Langford two and fifteen being no-decision affairs.*

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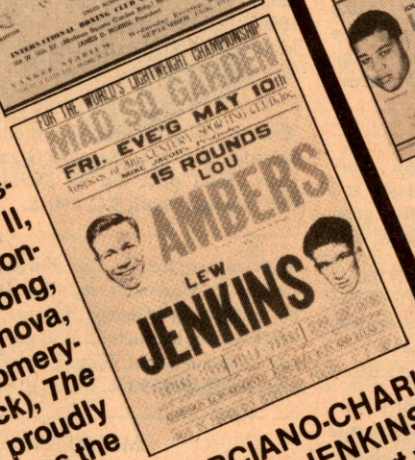

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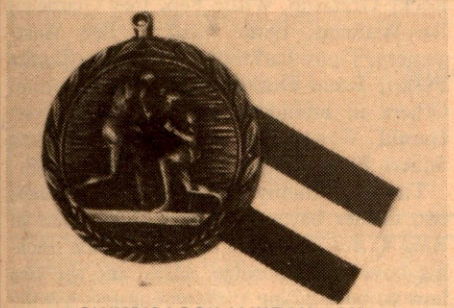

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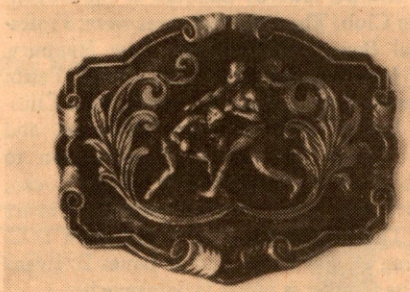

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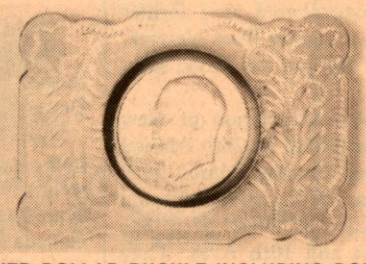

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

THE CANADIAN BOXING HALL OF FAME held its 10th Annual Convention and Awards Dinner on October 31st, 1980 at the Hotel Toronto. Former fistic greats honored that night were: Joe Flanagan, Fritzie Pruden, Tommy "Red" Bragen, Joey Ferrier, Jack Williams, Jimmy Marsen, Laurie Richard, Joe Gollob, Harold Mann and former promoter Tommy Burns. . .

Fritzie Pruden, who hailed from St. Catharines, Ontario, was one of the finer boxers . . . After a short amateur career, Pruden migrated to Paterson, N.J. in 1947 and started his professional fighting under the wing of Bill Daly. Tutored by trainers Tex Pelte and Johnny Lane, he engaged in 85 professional fights and emerged victorious in 65 of them. During his boxing career Fritzie boxed three world champions: Beau Jack, Ike Williams and Kid Gavilan (twice). Some of the other boxers he fought were: Tony Janiro, Chuck Davey, Terry Young, Arthur King, Carmine Fiore, Paddy Young, Chico Vejar, Johnny Greco and many other good ole boys of that era. He lost controversial ten-round decision to Billy Graham at Madison Square Garden, an important bout with the winner meeting Kid Gavilan for the welterweight title . . . Fitzie retired in 1958, was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame in 1976 and now works with the operating engineers out of Newark, N.J. He resides in Elmwood Park, N.J. with his wife Katie and daughter Dolores.

The address of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame is: 470 Queen St., W. Toronto, M5V 2B2. President, Founder and Director is Tony Unitas.

Former light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran is now retired to a Veterans home in Pennsylvania. His address: Veterans Home, Holidayburg, Pa. 16648. The Champ would appreciate hearing from some of his old friends.

The new officers of VBA Ring 4, Boston, for 1981 are: President, Pete Modica; First V.P., Buddy Hayes; Second V.P., Don O'Neill; Treasurer, Joe Nolan; Secretary, Pat Leonard; and Assistant Treasurer, Ed Fitzgerald.

George DeFillipo, member of Ring 4, Boston, is a top distributor for Rock of Ages. Generous George donated the gravestone for the unmarked grave of former great heavyweight Jake Kilrain . . . Tommy Rawson, past president of Ring 4, Boston, is a professor at Harvard University and is also the coach of the boxing team there. Newly-elected president Pete Modica, has his Masters Degree, plus credits towards a doctorate.

On November 21, 1980, the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame, Inc. held its Second Annual Awards Banquet at the Touchdown Club. The 1980 inductees were: Professional Boxers, Billy Banks, Lew Hanbury, Biff Jones, Aaron Perry and Danny Petro; Amateur Boxers, Dave Bernstein, Pete Cilinski, Bobby Schwarz, Mike Tardugno, and J.C. Turner; Outstanding Contribution to Boxing, Bo Bregman, Harry Groves, Jocko, Miller, Humphrey DeCola and Joe Turner . . . The president of the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame, Inc. is James E. Evans and its founder is James J. Balukevich.

Bennie Novellino was recently elected president of VBA Ring 31 of South Florida. Novellino is well remembered as a former boxing manager and promoter from Newark, N.J. during the early 20s and 30s. Good luck, Bennie.

The Veteran Boxers Association of New York, Inc., Ring 8, will hold its 26th Annual Dinner and Dance on Sunday, March 29th beginning at 4 p.m. at the Embassy Ballroom in the Holiday Inn, 440 West 57th St., N.Y.C., between 9th and 10th Aves. They will honor Gerry Cooney, No 1 ranked heavyweight contender, Johnny Colan, former middleweight and light heavyweight contender; and Julien N. Mayer, Ring 8's capable financial secretary.

VBA Ring 14, Hudson County, N.J., presented its annual "Rocky Marciano" Memorial award to Charles Gellman, former boxer and present director of the Jewish Memorial Hospital. This award is presented to the person who contributes the most services to the Veteran Boxer during the year . . . Congratulations to Charles Gellman for earning the 1980 award.

Freddie Archer, former fistic great from the forties who fought men like Tippy Larkin, Ike Williams, Beau Jack, Marty Servo and Fritzie Zivic, to name a few, was recently seen on the television show "Focus, New Jersey". The special was on the Hazlet Boxing Boys Club from Hazlet, N.J., where Archer is a boxing instructor in a program which teaches youngsters the manly art of self defense.

On December 13, 1980, a "Salute to Champions" night was held at the Resorts International Hotel Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. Resorts played host to a party of over one hundred guests and friends. Sports and entertainment director Ron Adams and Al Certo were co-chairmen at this bash. The champions saluted that night were introduced by the famous entertainer Joey Bishop, who was Emcee for the night. Honored were: Jersey Joe Walcott, Billy Conn, Floyd Patterson, Rocky Graziano, Willie Pep, Joey Giardello, Ike Williams, Emile Griffith, Bob Montgomery, Tippy Larkin, Jeff Chandler, Charlie Fusari, Ernie Durando and Billy Graham. Others in attendance at this affair were: Harold Weston Jr., Joe Gramby, Johnny Squeri, Eddie Allen and Bob McNamara.

Timothy "Buddy" Hayes and Eddie Bangs, two former boxers and current members of Ring 4, Boston, spend countless hours teaching boys in Cambridge, Mass. and the area how to box, giving these youngsters healthy minds and bodies. And keeping them out of trouble while building good citizenship.

TRACING STARS

Sal Bartolo-Former Featherweight Champ, resides in Winthrop, Mass. and is now a Deputy Sheriff in nearby Salem, Mass.

Dave Castiloux-Ex-Canadian triple champion, featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight who fought the best in all three divisions has been employed with the C.N.R. in Canada for the past twenty-five years and now makes his home in Montreal.

Danny Kapilow-The former classy welterweight from New York City, who fought Rocky Graziano, Steve Riggio, Freddie Archer, Sheik Rangel and many others, is now the president of Local 966 International Brotherhood of Teamsters of New York and New Jersey.

Tony DeMarco-One-time king of the welterweights, now makes his home in Phoenix, Arizona and is the owner of "Tony DeMarco's Living Room", a cocktail lounge which is located at 4929 north 40th Street.

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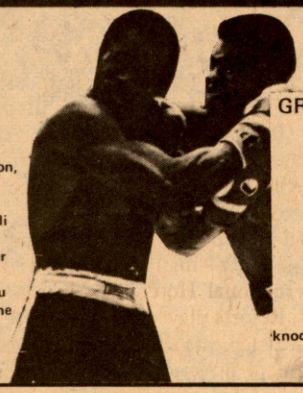

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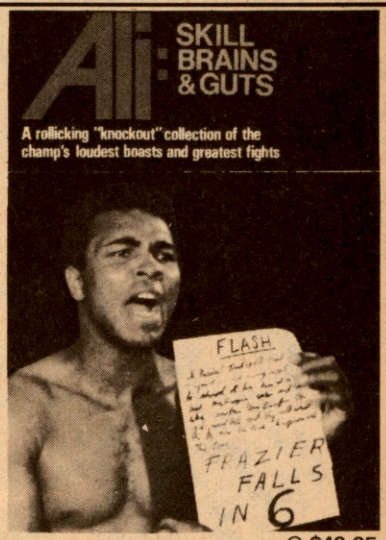

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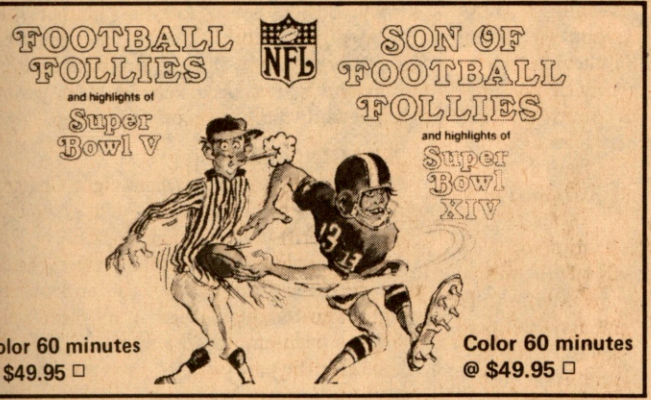

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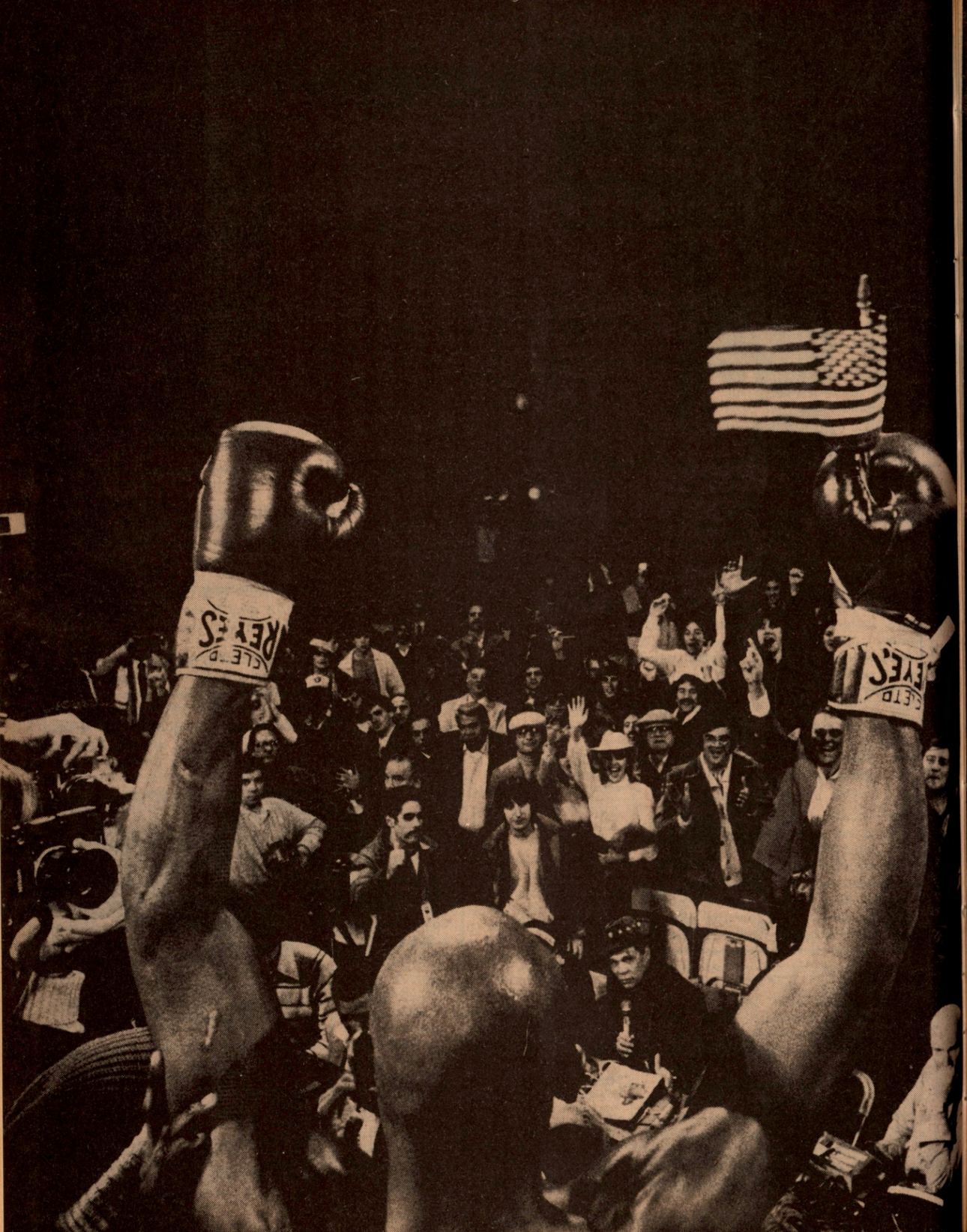

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THE CAPE FINGERS ITS WAY TOWARD EUrope, buy at the very end, just before it drops off the edge of America, it knuckles back in the direction of Boston. It is there, in the last room in the last building in this country—The Provincetown Inn—where Marvin Hagler has his training camp. The next room, faces a different direction, Ireland. It must be snowing in Ireland this day, too.

Two days before Hagler's first defense of his middleweight title, a 10-inch snowstorm covers Provincetown. It is almost redundant, like building a moat around a man in solitary confinement. Two days before a fight, Hagler is seldom accessible even to his closest friends. Penetrating his litany of "destroy and destruction" as he psyches himself for his opponent is tougher then finding one's way through his southpaw defense. Certainly, hitting him is easier than interviewing him.

Not that Hagler is one of those snobbish "I-don't-talk-to-the-world" athletes one finds in other sports, particularly, I am told, in the Philadelphia Phillies' clubhouse. He is a private man who hides behind his shaved-head image, especially before a fight. Afterwards, he can be disarmingly gentle. Last April, he had almost knocked Boogaloo Watts in my lap at Portland Maine, and was standing over his fallen one-time conqueror, a look of sheer hate on his face as he kept beckoning Watts to "get up, get up." Later, the fury still burning, he had said, "I wanted him to get up because I hadn't finished with him." But just a bit later, sipping one of his two beers in the Holiday Inn bar that would close at 9 P.M., he would gently admonish a well-wisher who wanted him to discribe the two-round fight once again:

"Hey, man, now is the time to relax. I ain't just a fighter. I'm a human being, too."

And he gave Bertha, his soon-to-be wife, another hug.

PHOTO TED ANCHER

On the 2½-hour drive through the snow to Provincetown, I didn't expect his humanity to show through his anger. For far too long, Hagler had been the finest middleweight in the world; but not the official champion. Rodrigo Valdes and Hugo Corro wanted no part of him when they were champion. Vito Antuofermo, the fearless warrior from Italy and Brooklyn, gave him a shot and kept his title with a controversial draw. Hagler, it says here, won that fight. And that made him even angrier—if that were possible. Now that he was champion, after a three-round disfigurement of Alan Minter, he had said on the phone he had not changed. "I'm meaner than ever," he promised. The Cape, he said, would keep him feeling that way until fight time when he was to defend against Fulgencio Obelmejias, an undefeated Venezuelan with 28 knockouts in 30 pro victories.

But there was something else urging him on, something as primeval as his frequent shrieks into the cold salt air when he was doing his roadwork. It was something called money. Marvelous Marvin finally had his crown and two belts—the only champion in the world to be recognized by both the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council. And now he wanted what went with the jewelry. He had fought his way to the top and now, just two days before reminding the world that he was its best middleweight boxer—with a devastating eight-round show of power and poise—he began talking about his new goals. Money was becoming almost as important as pride.

His next two fights probably will be against the former champions, Minter and Antuofermo, and he will be heavily favored in both. His problem, as he saw it, was that there were few middleweights out there against whom he could make the kind of payday he feels he deserves.

"It's the story of my life," he said with the quiet acceptance of a man too wise to battle his fate. "I'm trying to make as much money as possible. I do believe I'm a million-dollar fighter. I'm a champion with two belts and there are guys with only one making much more money than me."

All he can do is wait, something with which he has had too much experience. He must wait for Ray Leonard or Thomas Hearns to grow into middleweights. He must wait for Tony Ayala Jr. and the rest of the crop of young middleweights to grow into the status of contenders.

He mentions Dwight Davison, Mustafa Hamsho, and Curtis Parker as possible challengers. And praises them. "They are good fighters," he says. "But their problem is not that many people know it." Hagler, who had so much difficulty convincing promoters and networks of how good he was in the years of shameful neglect, now is trying to help others less fortunate than he. No one remembers Rodrigo Valdes or Hugo Corro telling the world just how good this shaved-head southpaw from Brockton, Mass., was.

The Provincetown Inn is closed for the winter. Throughout the maze of its corridors, workers sweat in the unheated air. Most are aware that Hagler is here, but they are not sure where exactly in the sprawling complex. "Try the swimming pool," says a painter. "He works out there and at least its heated."

Sure enough, by the indoor swimming pool of a summer resort in the dead of winter, the world middleweight champion was getting ready to work out. Willie Monroe, who, with Watts, is the only man to own a pro victory over Hagler, and Al Styles have been here the six weeks with the champion, but Hagler has finished sparring and this day he will work several rounds with Goody Petronelli, his trainer and, with brother Pat, his co-handler.

Marvin seems genuinely glad to see us. Rip Valenti, the only promoter who had faith in him from the beginning, loaned us his grandson, Dom, to drive us the 120 miles from our warm hotel through the blizzard. Our small entourage also consists of Ed Schuyler Jr., the Associated Press's No. 1 boxing writer, and Pat Putnam of *Sports Illustrated.* On the trip out, Schuyler can't believe what he is doing and keeps mumbling something about asking to cover the pro bowling tour. "You can cover bowling from the lounge," he reasons. "Marvin better be good."

He is almost sweet. What we don't know then is that he has seen videotapes of Obelmejias and knows what he is in for, an easy fight. He is unusually relaxed for two days before a bout.

"Ain't no women around here," he says smiling. "There's nothing but concentration here."

Whatever Hagler might think of his opponent's chances, he is not taking any chances. He is an admitted physical fitness nut anyway and the long weeks of training get him in top psychological shape. Cornell Chavis, a light heavyweight from Brooklyn, hired on as a sparring partner, left camp after two weeks. "He had four more weeks here," Hagler says with a chuckle, "and just thinking about it drives you crazy."

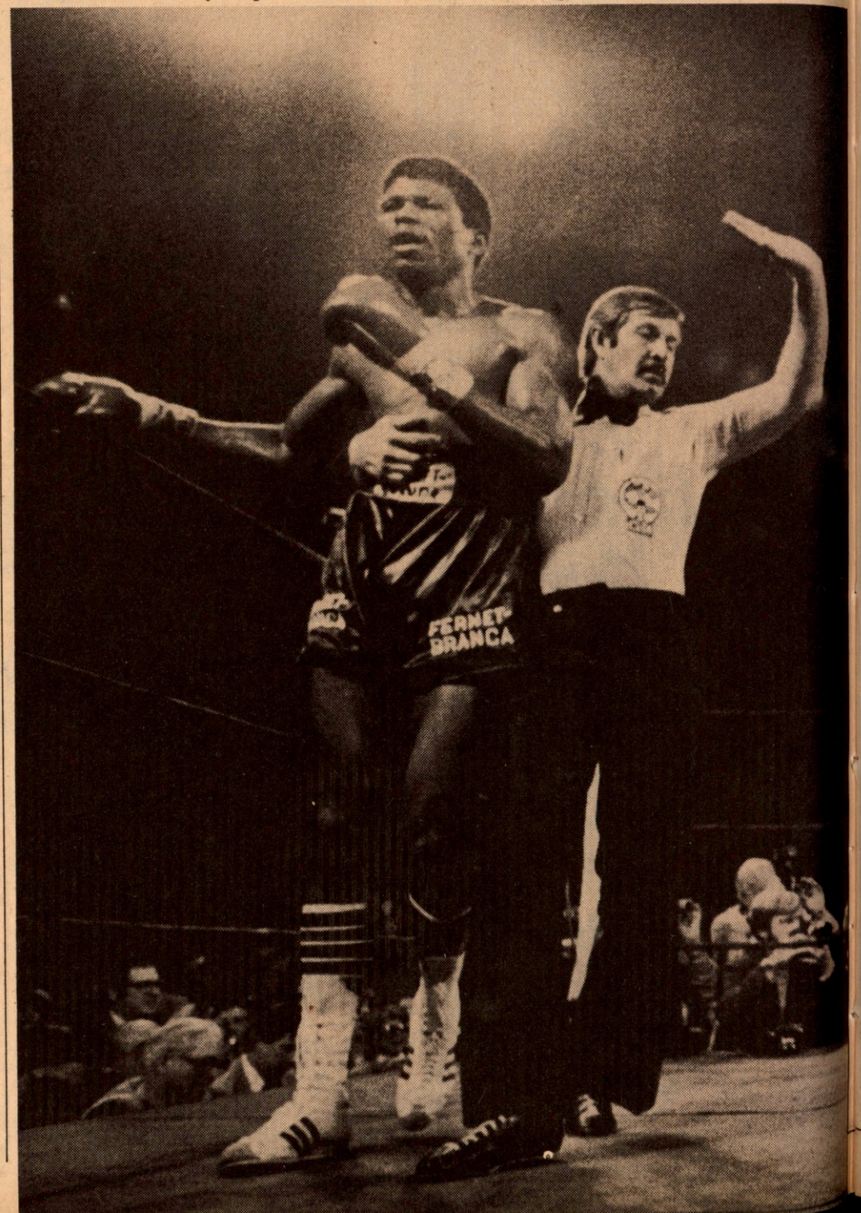
Hagler talks of other training camps of other champions. "They put themselves in jail," he says. And so will he. Hagler has been coming to the Provincetown Inn for four years and before that he worked at another resort owned by Brooke Evans. The owner of the Inn, who often accompanies Hagler on his morning runs through the sand dunes, is hoping to make his out-of-the-way resort a camp for other fighters. It certainly has not hurt Hagler. He thrives on the isolation. It reminds him of all the work he has to do; all the work he has already done. For much of the time, his longest conversations are with the seagulls, most of whom he has given names.

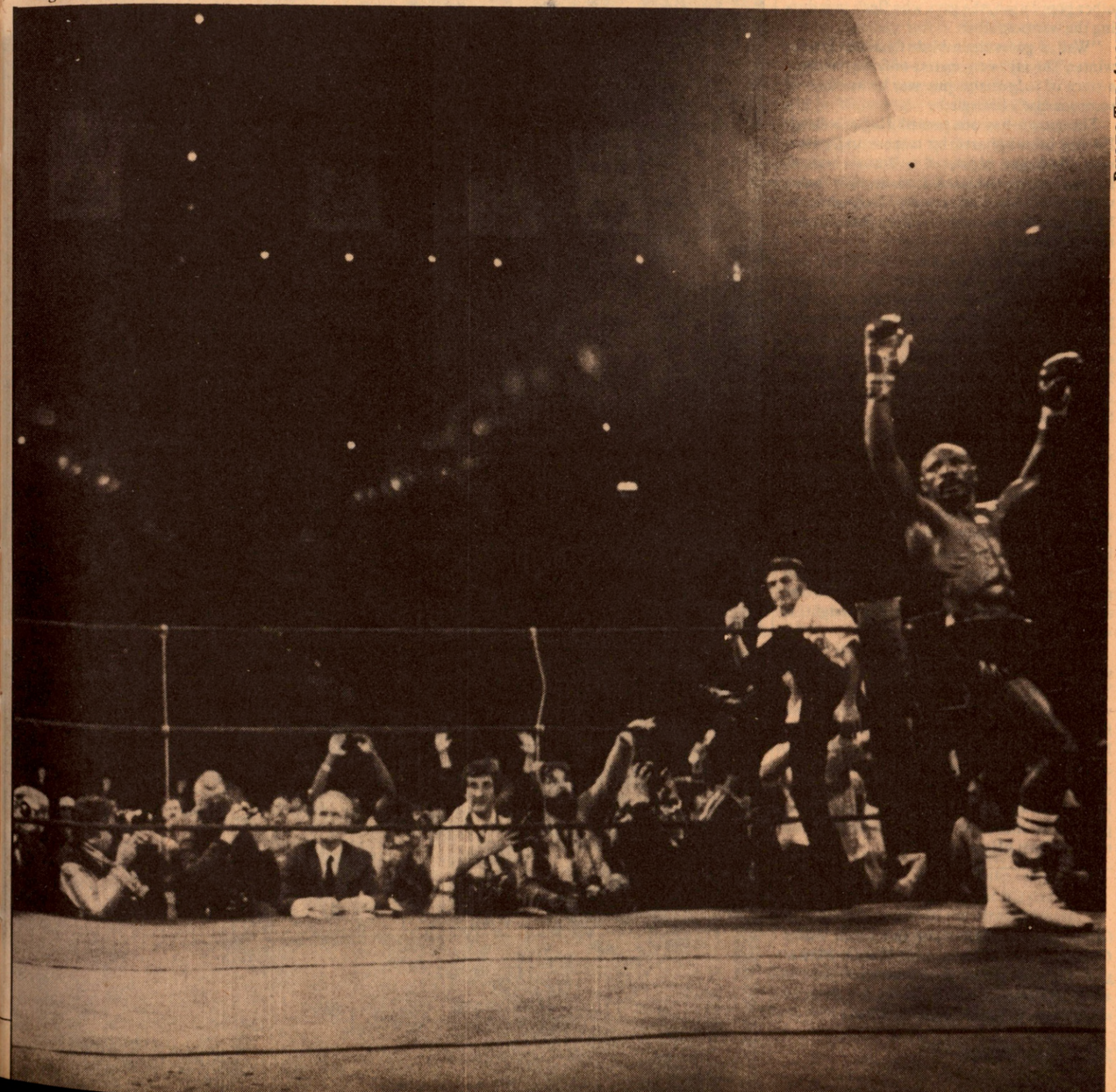
"It's good to forget about the hangeroners," he says. "It gives you a chance of keeping your feet down on the ground. Those kind of people hype you up and the next thing you know, your butt's on the ground. This is the time to work. They expect me to change, but I'm basically the same. I'm still the champion. I always felt I was the champion.

"The anger is still there. I'm still a hungry fighter. I haven't made the money I want. Now that I got my belt, it doesn't mean I've changed. I still have the bitterness inside me after all those years of politics. I'm trying to prove to people I should've been champion a long time ago."

It always surprises me just how endearing Hagler can be, this man with the shaved head, Fu Manchu mustache and goatee talking about anger and bitterness and looking like a demon himself. But he never raises his voice, no matter how angry the words, and the basic

Referee Octavio Meyran puts his arm around a beaten Fulgencio Obelmejias at 0:20 of the eighth round at the Boston Garden





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decency of this fighter who has become one of the most popular sports heroes in the Boston area comes shining through. He is, after all, the same angry young man who spends much of his off-time visiting kids in hospitals; the same intense fighter who is a devoted husband and father.

"If I'm not mean, " he says explaining his public image, "if I go in there like a little girl, I'm going to get hurt."

He is a tolerant man, this 28-year-old escapee from the Newark ghettos who, as a youngster, before meeting the Petronelli brothers, had a natural distrust of white people. As he stood in his warm room, looking out at the water and saying, "Well, goodbye, birds," he was asked about Provincetown's other population, the gays who flock to it during the warm weather.

"Well, I guess them birds fly south for the winter," he says very matter-of-factly, without a trace of judgement, one way or another, of someone else's lifestyle.

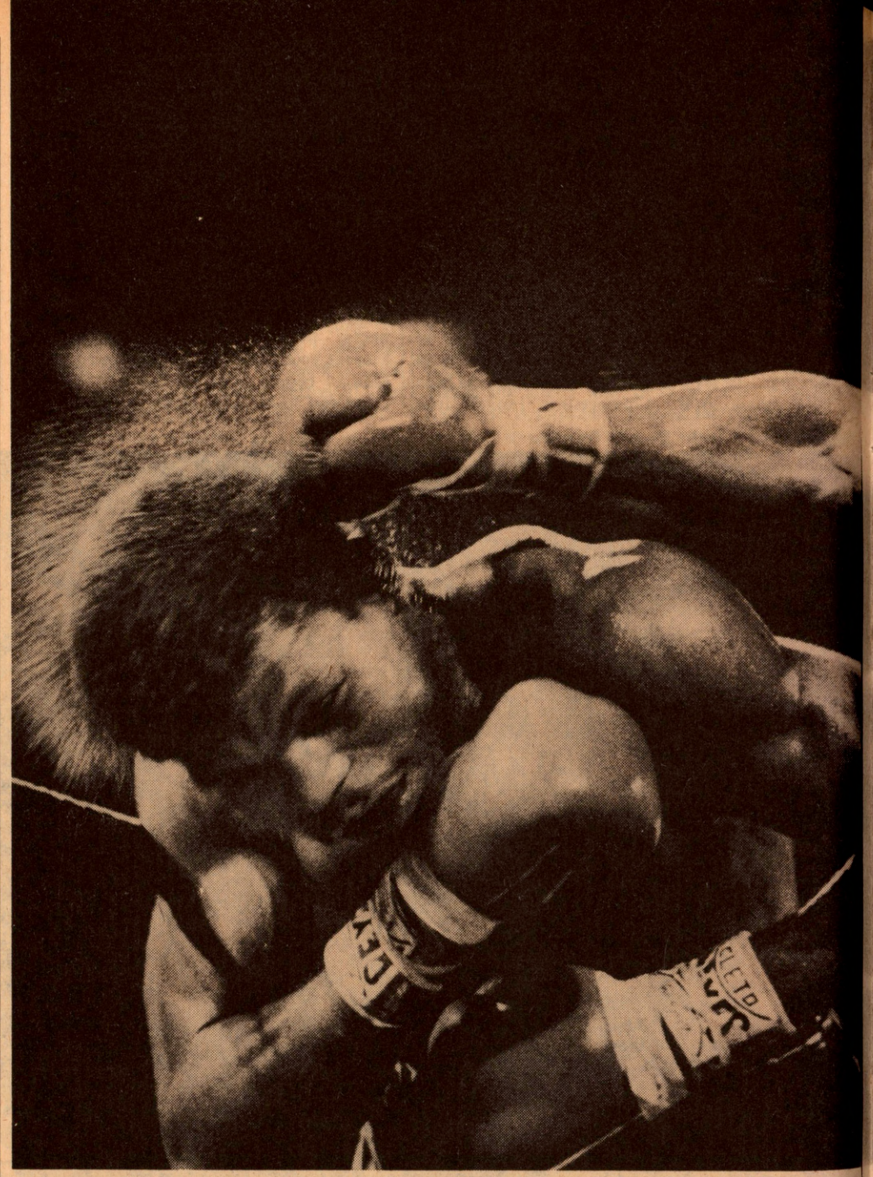
The crown has not turned Hagler's head. He has been honored by mayors and governors. And one night, in a Boston seafood house, he was whisked into another room where President Carter waited to greet him. He appreciates the new attention, but concentrates elsewhere.

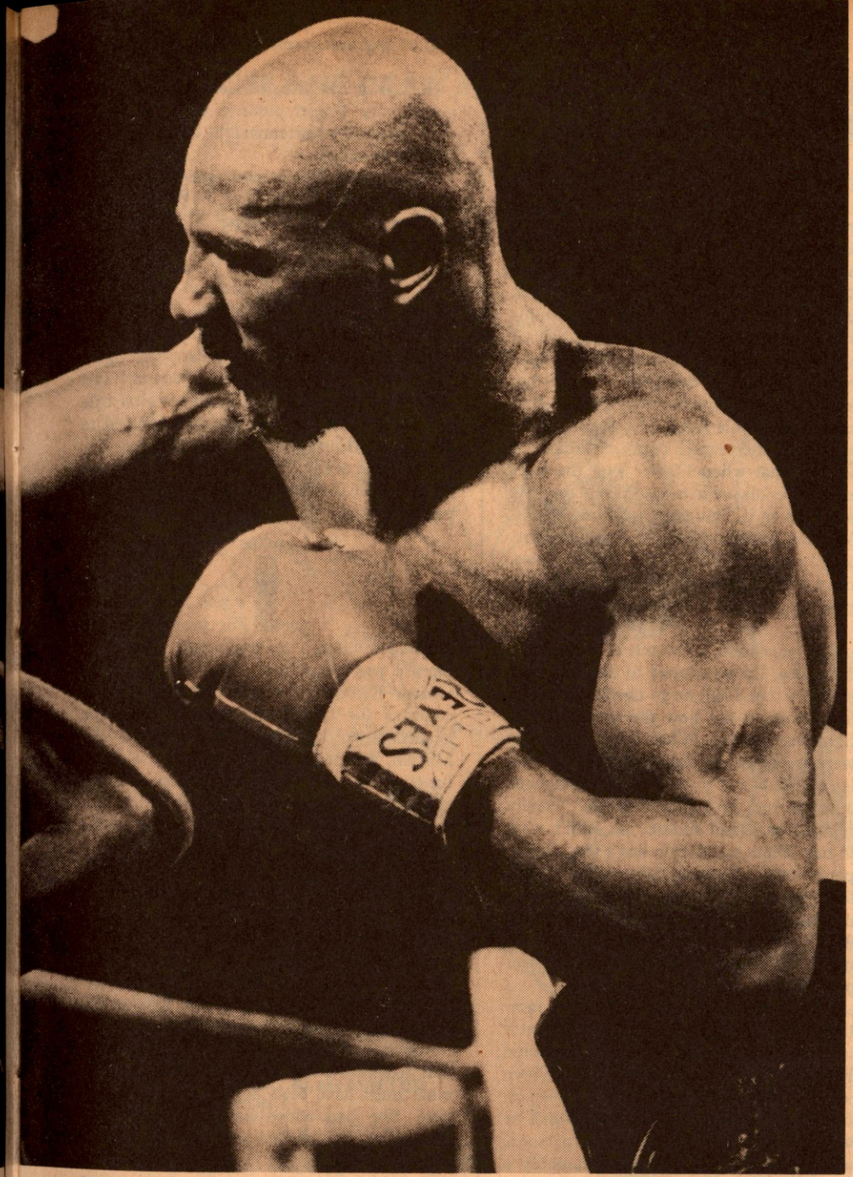
"After you reach a goal," he says, "you want to keep growing. I love fighting. I always say you have to enjoy it like a boy, but play it like a man. Now I want to work on my education. A lot of fighters have been wiped out by bad investments, but I want to get my high school equivalency diploma at Massachusetts Community College and then study business administration there.

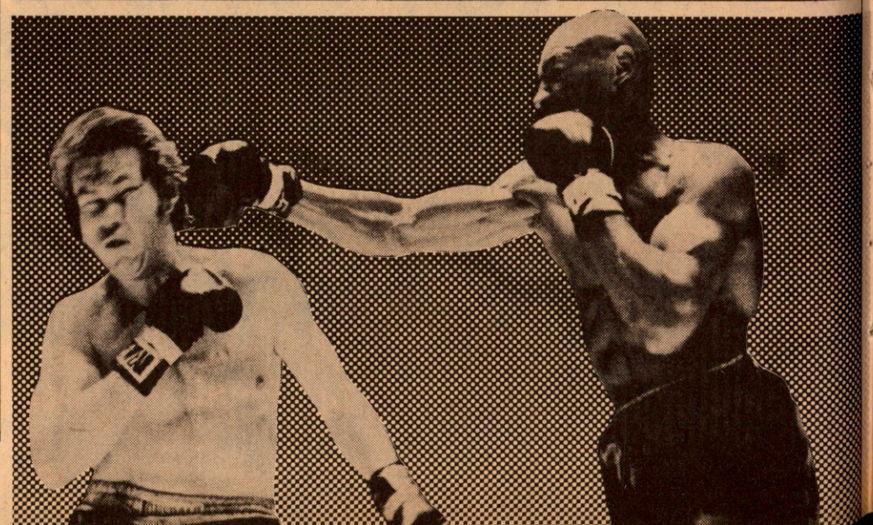
"Fighting's not everything. There's my wife and three kids. And I'm a human being."

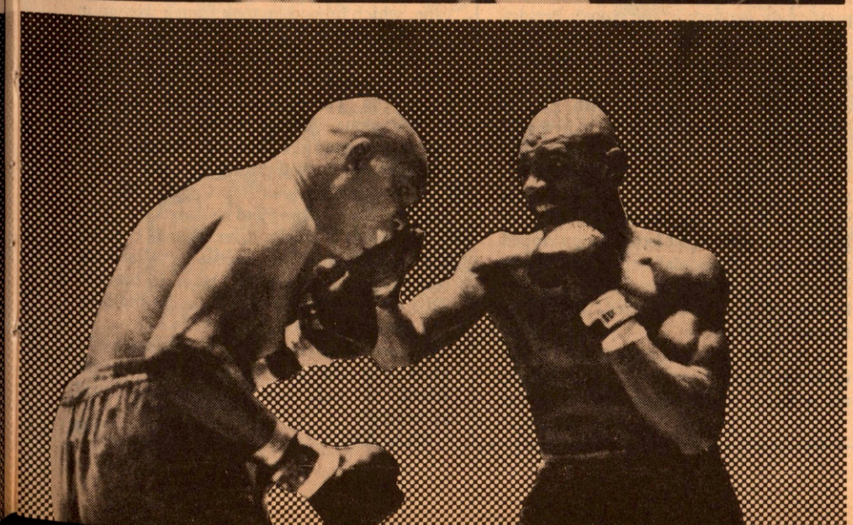
Business is good at Boston Garden the night of the Obelmejias fight. Everywhere you look in the lobby fans are buying Marvelous Marvin T-shirts and buttons. The selling of Hagler has begun. There is a long way to go from buttons to endorsements, but the man paving the way, Stephen Wainwright, is worth a story himself.

Across the street from the Petronelli Brothers' gym in Brockton are the law offices of Wainwright Wainwright Wainwright Wainwright and Wainwright. One Wainwright is a former Brockton mayor. Another is Stephen R. Wainwright, the third man in Hagler's corner, the one who wears "Barrister" on his sweater. Steve Wainwright is wearing more hats these days, the result of keeping his promise to shave his head when Hagler won the title from Minter.









(Above) A Hagler right jab finds Fully Obel's skull. (Below, left) Kevin Finnegan winces from a Marvelous jab in 1978. (Below, right) Bennie Briscoe walks into a Hagler right in Philly.

Wainwright is a fun-loving, tequilla-toting fellow who, among boxing people anyway, hides his serious side very well. But he is not to be overlooked in the making of the champion, for it was Wainwright's political pull that helped Marvin's career.

He is a formidable man. As a law student at Tulane University, he pulled a coup that was the envy of classmates and professors alike: he got to argue his own case in front of the Supreme Court of the United States. Wainwright vs. The City of New Orleans arose from the false arrest of the young student "who was doing absolutely nothing at all, just walking down the street." The cop mistakenly thought he was a wanted thug and hauled him off. Wainwright sued. Though the case ended with a non-decision, he scored at least two victories: the minority report found in his favor. And, standing before the highest court in the land, the law student was able to ask for—and receive—the autograph of Earl Warren. It wasn't a bad term paper, either.

It will be Wainwright who guides Hagler to the big money, but the lawyer was not around when the fighter came to New York for his comic cover story. Bert Randolph Sugar, who keeps everything under his hat collection, had spilled the beans in Boston about his idea for the cover portrait of Marvelous Marvin to go along with *The Ring* series that included Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns posed with a tommy-gun as a gangster and Gentleman Gerry Cooney sporting tux and cane. Sugar, the editor and publisher of this esteemed magazine, spilled very little else in Boston the weekend of the Obelmejias fight, except down his throat, which might explain why he and Wainwright should share credit for this issue's cover.

For, at 7:30 in the morning after, Wainwright was down in lobby of the Hotel Lenox fight headquarters, with a carafe of tequilla in one unsteady hand. He was talking of his brilliant idea for the Hagler cover.

"I don't care what Sugar says," said Wainwright. "I've got the cover. Now, what is Marvin's nickname?"

"Marvelous," I guessed correctly.

"And what comic book hero had that name?"

"The Submariner? Daffy Duck?"

"No, idiot, Captain Marvel-ous. Get it?"

"Brilliant," I agreed.

So did Sugar when I told him. "Of course it's brilliant," he said. "I thought of it."

"Wainwright said he thought of it."

"Well, I thought of it but I was too drunk to remember it. Let it be said that Wainwright *remembered* the idea before I did."

Marvin came to New York alone. He drove a Cadillac given to him by the city of Brockton and was welcomed to the big city by having it towed away from the illegal parking spot he had left it in near his hotel. To get the car out of hock, he had to spend $65 and a lot of time with an unsympathetic woman clerk.

"She gave me a hard time," Hagler said. "Then, when she found out who I was, she

HAGLER'S RED GLARE, THE BOMB'S BURSTING IN AIR

BY GEORGE KIMBALL

I'D SPENT A WEEK IN IRELAND BEfore I arrived in London, so I already had an inkling of the buildup the fight was getting in the British press, particularly in the tabloids. They were playing it as some sort of race war. The British don't come up with world champions all that often, and Alan Minter was extremely popular at the time. He had made a widely-circulated comment about "not losing my title to any black man," and in some quarters in London, that sort of stuff can appeal to the baser instincts of the masses. The British fourth estate had also dredged up a quote from Kevin Finnegan—whom Marvin had twice demolished—who claimed that Hagler had refused to shake hands with him before their fights, gratuitously adding the inflammatory remark Hagler was supposed to have made, "I don't touch white flesh."

Most of those who had accompanied Hagler over to England took that with a grain of salt. The fact of the matter is that Hagler doesn't shake hands with *any* of his opponents before a fight. Moreover, most of his friends are white, and in fact, among his whole entourage, only his brother Robbie Simms is black.

One afternoon Marvin wanted to play the Electronic bar game *Space Invaders,* and he, his lawyer Steve Wainwright, and I must have walked halfway across London to find a machine. We found one a block from the hotel in South Kensington, but Marvin was unhappy with that particular club because the customers had been disturbing his sleep making their exit around closing time each night.

Pubs played a fairly heavy role that week. Many of us were spending a lot of time at the Stanhope, across from the hotel, where the owner was backing Minter to all comers. He must've lost half his stock after the fight. Minter was training at the famous Thomas a Becket Gym, over a South London Pub, while Hagler was working out at Freddie Hill's gym, over *another* pub in Battersea. British promoter Mickey Duff had supplied the Hagler camp with a van. With the van came a driver, a wonderful kid named John who'd been knocked out a few times and couldn't find his way anywhere. All he could remember were a lot of very funny stories. But they also had to provide a guy to give John directions. This turned out to be an old Welsh ex-pug who'd watch what went on and then run for a phone to call Duff's people. Everybody knew he was a spy, so it didn't matter much what he did.

Wainwright stayed out of the pubs, mostly because he found his own means of combating jet lag: he stayed right on American time the entire time we were there. He is a confirmed tequila drinker, and had been afraid that he'd have trouble finding it in London. So he brought a case with him, and then would spend each evening drinking until dawn with the Arab sheik who owned the hotel—salt-and-lemon, the whole thing. One night, after a bout with the tequila bottle, Wainwright allowed that when Hagler won the title, he'd have his own head shaved too. He was held to it, but not held down for it. And now looks like a cross between "Cueball," one of Dick Tracy's arch enemies, and a white version of Marvin Hagler with glasses.

One afternoon, in search of a stray column idea, I'd mentioned to the Petronelli brothers that I might go check a few betting shops to see how the action on the fight was moving. When I got back, they were sitting in the dining room with Hagler, and when I pulled out my notebook and started to quote prices, Hagler jumped back and shouted he didn't want to hear about it. Marvin has a few odd superstitions—like most fighters—but later I learned that the reason this upset him so much was that after the Antuofermo fight in Vegas, where he'd been the favorite going in, he'd sworn he never wanted to hear odds quoted again.

Part of the reason for the pre-fight racebaiting, we discovered later, is that Minter is also a big hero to Britain's "National Front," their version of the KKK. (There was a subsequent report that he'd even attended one of their their rallies, which he vehemently denied.) Minter's personal views aside, there was unquestionably a pretty ugly segment in the crowd. Besides the black-white angle, there was some rampant nationalism prevalent at Wembly Arena which the promoters did little to discourage. There were British marine trumpeters blowing fanfares, superpatriots dressed up in Beefeater suits and Union Jacks, and a constant singing of nationalistic songs and slogans. Two girls who'd traveled from Brockton to root for Hagler had their hand-lettered sign ripped up by the "skinheads"—the mark of the British thug, a latter-day "Teddy Boy"—before the fight even started. There was tension in the air.

In any case, when Hagler sliced Minter up early, I'm not sure that the back-benchers actually realized how badly he was wanted my autograph. I wouldn't give it to her."

He was at *The Ring* offices, posing for the perfunctory T-shirt pictures with Liz Gary, the magazine's bantamweight champion and chief copy editor.

"Which side is your good side?" the photographer asked Marvin.

"Don't make no difference," he said as he and Liz put their arms around each other, he in a *Ring* T-shirt, she in a Hagler one. "I'll show you the good side instead of the mean side, as long as my wife don't see this."

He was in a playful mood and proved a natural model. He talked of perhaps getting in the movies, appearing on an episode of "The Jeffersons" on television. With the first title defense behind him, he said he expected to get a lot more endorsements this year.

"They all wait for you to get that first defense out of the way," he said. "They know you're for real then."

It was time to leave *The Ring* office and head downtown to the studio where the cover picture was to be shot. A group, including George Kimball, the wild man who writes columns for the Boston *Herald American,* headed down 31st Street looking for a cab. Marvin, wearing a cap, dark glasses, a rabbit fur coat and carrying a case that looked like it could contain a machine gun but which held his WBA and WBC belts, strode along jauntily.

"This is the first time I've ever been in New York," said Kimball, "when I *wanted* to meet a mugger."

A few minutes later, the toughest middleweight in the world was changing into a red leotard. "I can't wait to see this costume," Hagler had said, and here it was, looking like Billy Batson's pajamas.

Sugar's wife, it seems, had said, "Shazam," and produced a lightning bolt fashioned from what must have been one of Bert's old slippers. She had added an "M" which was pinned to the lightning which in turn was pinned to the leotard. Sugar gave Hagler a cape, which he said he took from a woman in the Salvation Army. Through it all, Hagler acted like a pro, flexing muscles and going from one heroic pose to another without prompting. The photographer just marveled at Marvelous. After a while, Hagler asked that a full-length mirror be brought so he could see how he was posing.

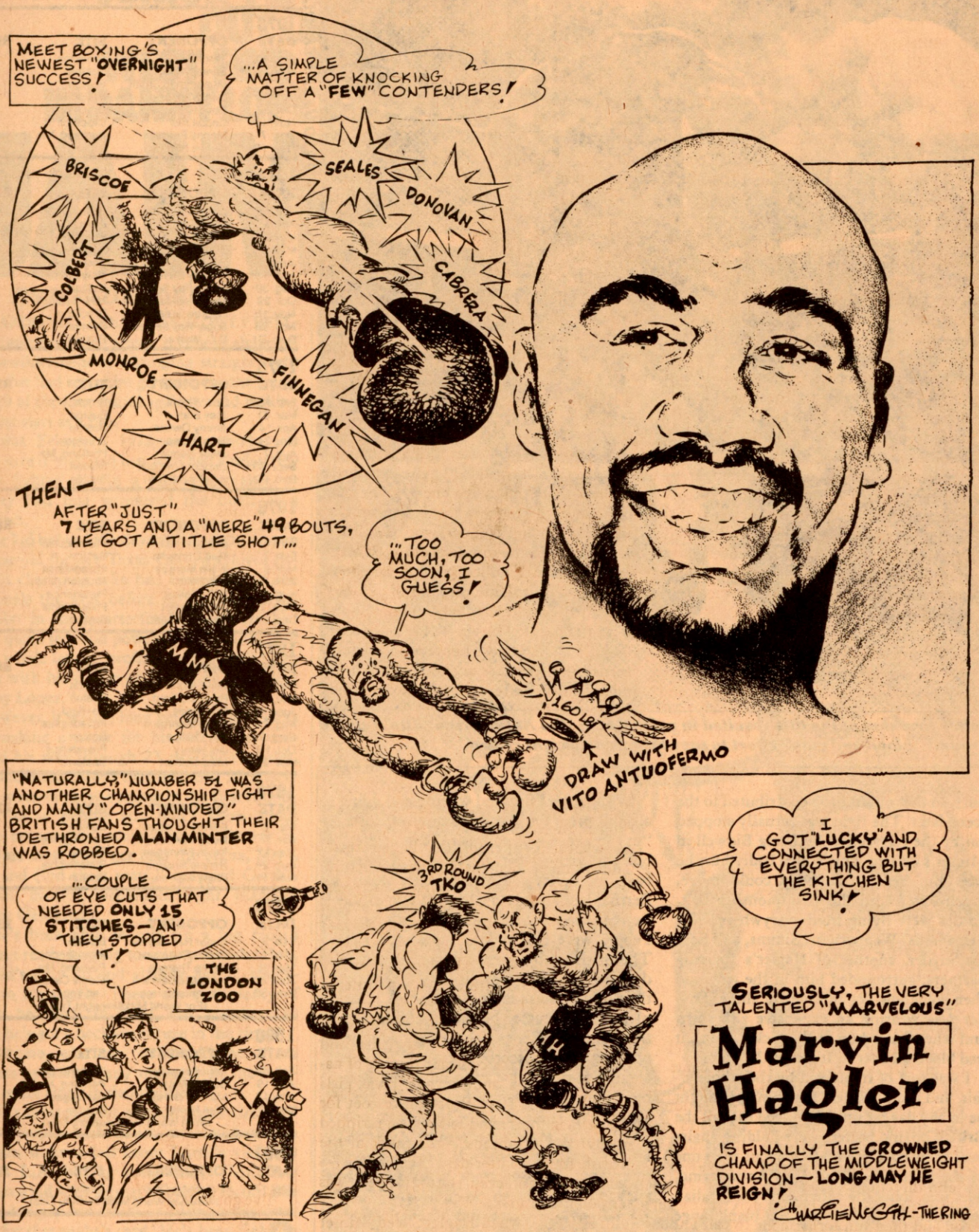
"I'm trying to look like Captain Marvelous," he said, "strong and courageous."

The result is on the cover. What's been inside Marvin all along remains. "Who's the best fighter in the world?" he asked himself. "It's going to be Marvin Hagler in the 80's. I've got a good five years left."

He wants Leonard and he wants Hearns. "I know I'm the best middleweight in the world," he said. Now he wants to get paid accordingly.

SHAZAM! ■

WIN, LOSE AND DRAW By CHARLIE McGILL



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Marvin's first shot at the title resulted in a draw with Vito Antuofermo. Vito staged a late-round "blood and guts" effort to save his middleweight crown.

hurt, so that might have contributed to the scene later. The fight was actually stopped *not* by the referee but by Doug Bidwell in Minter's corner. That's how badly hurt he was. But before anybody could move, much less award the championship belt, bottles were flying from everywhere. The Petronellis, Wainwright, Simms, and Sanny Snyder, another of Hagler's sparring partners, surrounded him in the ring and then somehow got him out of there. Snyder was wearing an expensive silk shirt, and when I saw him in the locker room, it had blood all over it. It was all Minter's.

I was sort of transfixed by the whole affair, and didn't realize that I myself might be in any danger until I noticed that all the British boxing writers were holding chairs over their own heads. Just about then one of the "skinheads" hit Vito Antuofermo, who was doing the commentary for Italian television, in the back at point blank range with a full bottle. Vito turned around and decked the guy, at which point I prudently suggested that we get the hell out of there. Vito grabbed me and we ran.

By the time I finished writing and doing a radio program it was, to quote Sinatra, "in the wee, small hours of the morning," but the victory party was in full swing back at Bailey's Hotel. Hagler's wife, Bertha, had already made good one promise, and shaved Steve Wainwright's head. People were still talking about the riot. The British subsequently investigated and determined that it wasn't *really* a riot, but they forgot to ask me or the British press, plainly embarrassed by the high thug quotient in the audience, which they kept describing as a "football crowd." Along about five-thirty that morning when Robbie Simms and Danny Snyder, the black sparring partner and the white one, arrived in the room with a huge American flag. The whole room, fifty people strong, in varying stages of sobriety, fell first into silence and then, in unison, sang *"God Bless America."* Kate Smith never sounded so good. There was tears in a lot of eyes at the moving moment, one that Marvin Hagler will probably remember long after the ugliness at Wembley has paled.

MARVIN HAGLER

Height: 5'9½" **Weight:** 160
Born: May 23, 1952. Newark, N.J.

1973

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
May 18	Terry Ryan	Brockton	KO 2
July 25	Sonny Williams	Boston	W 6
Aug. 8	Muhammad Smith	Boston	KO 2
Oct. 6	Don Wigfall	Brockton	W 8
Oct. 26	Cove Green	Brockton	KO 4
Nov. 18	Cocoa Kid	Brockton	KO 2
Dec. 7	Manny Freitas	Portland, Me.	KO 1
Dec. 18	James Redford	Boston	KO 5

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 5	Bob Harrington	Boston	KO 5
Apr. 5	Tracy Morrison	Boston	KO 8
May 4	Jim Redford	Brockton	KO 2
May 30	Curtis Phillips	Portland, Me	KO 5
July 16	Robert Williams	Boston	KO 3
Aug. 13	Peachy Davis	New Bedford	KO 1
Aug. 30	Sugar Ray Seales	Boston	W 10
Oct. 29	Morris Jordan	New Bedford	KO 4
Nov. 16	George Green	Brockton	KO 1
Nov. 26	Sugar Ray Seales	Seattle	D 10
Dec. 20	D.C. Walker	Boston	KO 2

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 15	Don Wigfall	Brockton	KO 5
Mar. 31	Joey Blair	Boston	KO 2
Apr. 14	Jimmy Owens	Boston	W 10
May 24	Jimmy Owens	Brockton	W dis 6
Aug. 7	Jesse Bender	Portland, Me.	KO 1
Sept. 30	Lamont Lovelady	Boston	KO 7
Dec. 20	Johnny Baldwin	Boston	W 10

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 13	Bobby Watts	Philadelphia	L 10
Feb. 7	Matt Donovan	Boston	KO 2
Mar. 9	Willie Monroe	Philadelphia	L 10
June 2	Bob Smith	Taunton, Mass.	KO 5
Aug. 3	D.C. Walker	Providence	KO 6
Sept. 14	Eugene Hart	Philadelphia	KO 8
Dec. 21	George Davis	Boston	KO 6

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 15	Willie Monroe	Boston	KO 12
Mar. 16	Reginald Ford	Boston	KO 3
June 10	Roy Jones	Hartford	KO 3
Aug. 23	Willie Monroe	Philadelphia	KO 2
Sept. 24	Ray Phillips	Boston	KO 7
Oct. 15	Jim Henry	Providence	W 10
Nov. 26	Mike Colbert	Boston	KO 12

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 4	Kevin Finnegan	Boston	KO 9
Apr. 7	Doug Demmings	Los Angeles	KO 8
May 13	Kevin Finnegan	Boston	KO 7
Aug. 24	Bennie Briscoe	Philadelphia	W 10
Nov. 11	Willie Warren	Boston	KO 7

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 3	Sugar Ray Seales	Boston	KO 1
Mar. 12	Bobby Patterson	Providence	KO 3
May 26	Jaime Thomas	Portland, Me.	KO 3
June 30	Norberto Cabrera	Monte Carlo	KO 8
Nov. 30	Vito Antuofermo (For World Middleweight Title)	Las Vegas	D 15

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 16	Loucif Hamani	Portland, Me.	KO 2
Apr. 19	Bobby Watts	Portland, Me.	KO 2
May 17	Marcos Geraldo	Las Vegas	W 10
Sept. 27	Alan Minter (Won World Middleweight Title)	London	KO 3

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 17	Fulgencio Obel (Retained World Middleweight Title)	Boston	KO 8

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
55	51	2	2	42

CAN A LITTLE JUNIOR FEATHER FROM OUT OF THE WEST FIND HAPPINESS IN DANNY LOPEZ' FOOTSTEPS?

JAIME GARZA

BY JEFF DE FORREST

EDUARDO VILLAREAL WAS SLOWLY PEELing himself off the canvas, trying to shake off the bewilderment of a stinging straight right hand that had seen him go down for the count at 1:49 of the first round against a kid making his first start as a pro.

It was February, 1978, and nobody was quite sure if they had just watched a relatively green fighter slip in a lucky haymaker, or if they had just witnessed the birth of a prospect.

The kid behind the devastating right was an 18-year-old former Texas Golden Gloves flyweight champion who had bowed out of the Nationals the year before on a controversial decision in the quarterfinal round. He had some quick feet and power in both hands, but not a whole lot of "professional polish" to go along with his dream of becoming "the next Danny Lopez."

However, it wasn't long before Jaime Garza was making a name for himself as he hammered his way through 23 straight victories, an undefeated record that included 21 knockouts, seven of those coming in the first round.

"A lot of people still don't know about Jaime because he's usually in the shower by the time most guys get into the arena, buy a beer and find their seats," quipped Garza's current mentor, venerable fight manager Bennie Georgino.

"He's been able to pile up a big record without really logging too many rounds. Hell, the kid's only 20 and already has 21 knockouts to his credit. There are still plenty of things he needs to learn, but you have to think he's got a heckuva future in the ring."

Georgino, who can "talk up" one of his fighters as well as any manager in the business, is not alone in that opinion.

"He's created a lot of excitement already," said Olympic Auditorium matchmaker Don Chargin when asked about Jaime's visibility in the L.A. boxing community. "Anytime you get a kid with a great knockout record like Garza has you can count on filling some extra seats for that night's card. He's been fighting mostly in prelims because he has been on the undercard for some outstanding shows. But we wouldn't hesitate to feature him in a main event."

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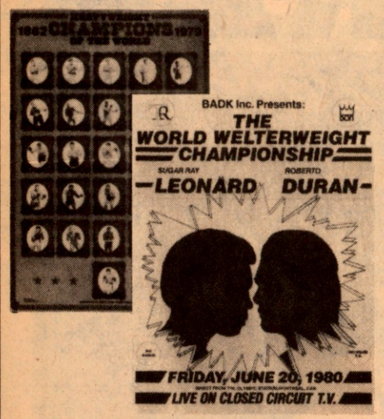

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Garza's personality is in direct contrast to his presence in the ring and his past. Generating a warm smile as he speaks and seemingly distant from the fame he appears certain to achieve, the Pacoima, Ca., native has a bio that reads like so many others who have sought to bang out a living in a prizefighting ring.

"I used to get jumped every day on the way home from school," Garza recalled. "I was small, and three or four guys would bother me every day. My uncle did some boxing and I asked him to teach me how to fight. When I started fighting back, those kids stopped bothering me."

But the trouble in the streets continued.

"When I was growing up in Pacoima there was always strange stuff going on," Garza said. "There was always a robbery or a fight or some kind of violence. I tried to stay away from it, but we finally moved away from there after my uncle, the guy who taught me how to fight, was shot to death during a store robbery."

Garza and his six brothers and four sisters relocated outside the San Antonio area of Texas. The fighting in the streets was no longer a part of Garza's daily routine, but boxing remained a pleasant diversion.

"I was into other sports, but I really wasn't that coordinated for them," said the now slick-moving pugilist. "I was playing baseball one day for my high school, trying to make the team and a fly ball came down and went right between my hands. It hit me in the forehead. Even with all the boxing it was about the hardest I'd ever been hit. I decided then that I would stick to boxing and give up the other sports."

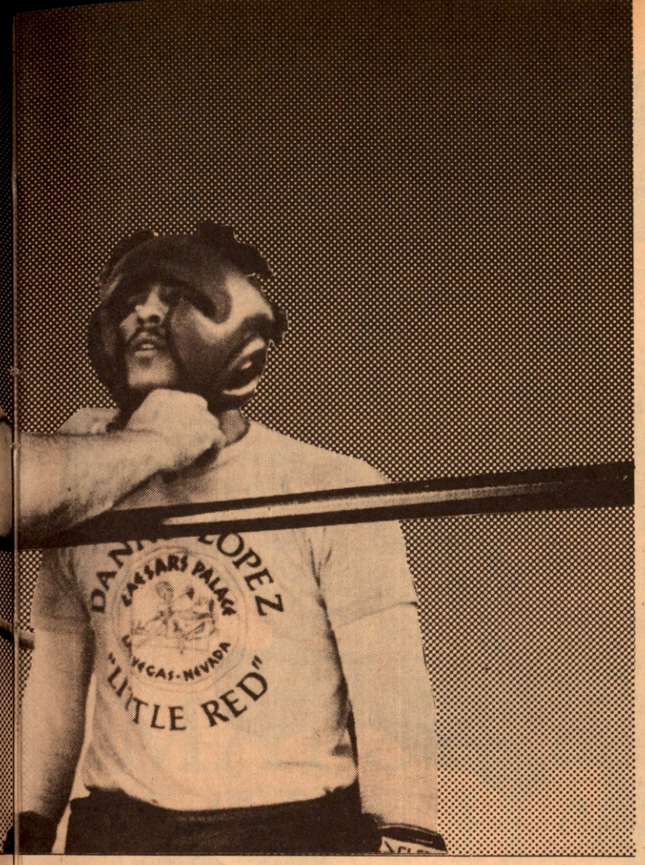
Garza's rise in the ring was equally as swift as his departure from the diamond.

He won his first three fights on one-round KOs, took six in a row, all by knockout, and then hit a young boxer's version of "the wall."

"He was getting a little homesick," Georgino said. "He came out here with his brother Mike, who is also a fighter. Mike wasn't having the same success as Jaime, and I think he got a little discouraged by that. I told him to go home, get his mind set on what he wanted to do, and get in touch with me when he was set that boxing was what he really wanted.

"This is too tough of a business to try to simply hammer out a living in," Georgino continued. "You're getting pounded on every day in training, working all the time, sacrificing alot of the things other people your age overindulge in. There's no room for indecisiveness. If a kid has the slightest doubt about his desire to go into the ring and become a champion, he has no business putting the gloves on. Too many guys get their brains beaten and never make a dime. There are plenty of hungry fighters just waiting to beat someone with a record. Jaime needed to decide for himself that he wanted to be here."

"I knew I wanted to box," said Garza, "but there were alot of things going through my mind. I thought about going back to school (at Pan American University), but I kept



feeling I should give boxing a serious try."

Garza stayed out of the ring for eight months. However, it was just after that hiatus Garza convinced Georgino he had that special something.

"He was a little out of shape when he came back," said Georgino, who was fighting Garza at 118 then but has since moved him up to 122. "He was going against a kid named Jose Villegas, a tough kid who Jaime had knocked out before.

"Well, he got hit with a haymaker early in the second round and it looked like he was going down. He was all over the place and ended up against the ropes. The ref looked at me to see if I wanted to stop it, but, as I was about to, I saw Jaime was trying to fight back. He survived the round and went on to win the fight in six on a decision. He showed he had heart that night. And heart can take a fighter further than any knockout punch."

It was 10 months later before Garza had to go the distance again. In the process of knocking out 10 more opponents, Garza was looking more and more like a Danny Lopez clone.

"People liked Danny's style because he'd take a couple of shots before he got mad enough to fight back," said Georgino, who guided Lopez through his five-year reign as king of the featherweights. "Jaime's not quite like that, but he takes a good shot every now and then when he shouldn't.

"The thing he has to learn to do is keep his composure in the ring when he gets a guy in trouble. These guys come out swinging wildly because they're afraid of Jaime's power, and he sometimes gets hit trying to take them out too soon," Georgino said.

"I know I've got to keep working," said Garza. "Bennie shows me films sometimes and says I look like an amateur sometimes. But I've got the best to learn from. Albert Davila, Oscar Muniz and Danny before he retired are all in the same stable. It makes me a better fighter to work with them all the time."

The plan:

"We want Jaime to take on some guys who are ranked just below the top 10 this year. There's no point throwing him in over his head too soon because he's so young. I've had him in the learning stage so far, but he's shown he's ready to step up in class a little bit. Besides, who in their right mind is going to throw an inexperienced fighter in there with Garza," Georgino said. "They'd be carrying the guy out on a stretcher."

"I know I have to beat a name fighter to get recognition," said Garza. "I'm going to be patient, though. I have a tendency to want too much, too soon."

Garza's graduation from the realm of the unranked can't come soon enough. "He's got that instinctive ability," Georgino said. "It may be a short time before he's more than just the talk of the town.

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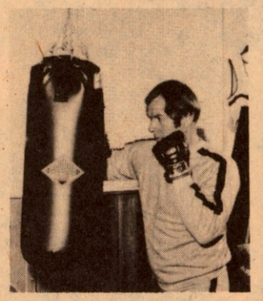

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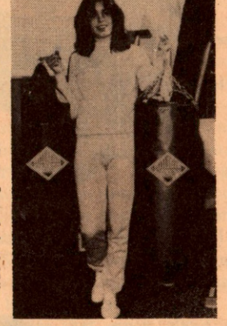

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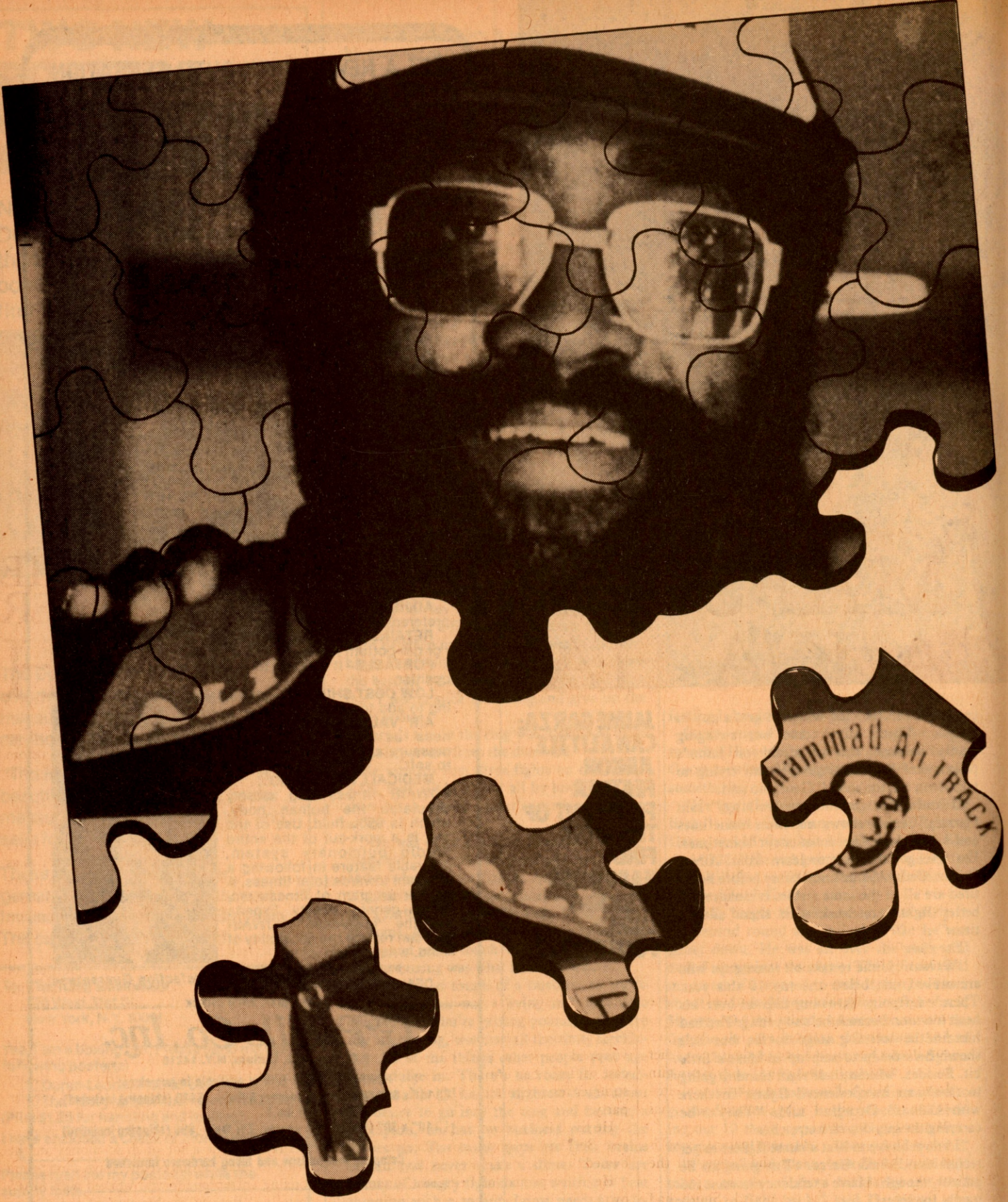
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MAPSCAM... PUTTING ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER A/K/A HAROLD SMITH

AFTER LESS THAN TWO YEARS OF HIGH-priced prominence in boxing, Harold Smith has disappeared into the fog whence he came.

The mysterious 37-year-old promoter, chairman of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Inc., known as MAPS, is being sought for questioning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Los Angeles District Attorney's office in connection with an alleged embezzlement of $21.3 million from the Beverly Hills, Calif., branch of the Wells Fargo National Bank.

The money presumably was being used by Smith to finance his boxing shows as well as his lavish life style.

Smith's whereabouts are unknown. Also missing are Smith's wife, Barbara, known as Lee, and their 4-year-old son John, who, according to Smith, had been kidnapped earlier by unidentified abductors. L. Benjamin Lewis, a MAPS director and a former employee at the Wells Fargo branch, also has dropped out of sight.

But the primary questions persist—who is Harold Smith and where did he get all the money he was flashing?

Before the scandal developed, Smith had emerged as the most extravagant promoter in boxing history. He continually paid unrealistic sums to fighters. He had contracted to pay a total of $8.1 million to fighters on a scheduled Feb. 23 card at Madison Square Garden that was later canceled.

Smith had talked of clearing "about $30 million" for MAPS on this boxing extravaganza although many boxing observers believed that, like most MAPS shows, it would lose money, perhaps as much as $2 million.

"Harold's plan, he told me, was to take over boxing by buying all the champions with big money," said Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, the boxing consultant for NBC. "Once he got all the fighters away from the other promoters, he was going to tell them, the fun's over, now it's back to reasonable prices."

Although much of Smith's personal life remains cloudy, several recent incidents show that his life style was geared to big money.

He was observed by numerous boxing people carrying thousands of dollars in paper-wrapped stacks of $100 bills in his attache case or flight bag until he was robbed late last summer for a reported $30,000 at a Las Vegas party.

He lived in a sprawling home in the expensive Bel Air section of Los Angeles. He also owned two Marina del Rey condominiums.

He is suspected of being the undercover owner of three race horses, including John Lee 'n Harold (named for his son, his wife and himself), a 3-year-old colt who won the recent California Breeders Stakes at Santa Anita and is eligible for this year's Kentucky Derby.

He leased an executive jet, purchased an $80,000 power boat, owned a $40,000 custom El Dorado convertible and a Seville; his wife drove a Mercedes 450-SL.

As to the source of his finances, Smith has contended that his wife and several friend in California and Mississippi had put together about $12 million from their private funds as working capital for the MAPS operation. According to Smith, his wife had provided about $4 million. Smith also spoke of a $6 million annual contract with Cox Communications for televised boxing shows.

"I don't know that much about all of Harold's friends," said someone familiar with Smith, "but his wife is definitely not from a family that had millions."

For several months, some boxing people had suspected that MAPS money had been derived from illegal drug traffic. One theory for the large cash deposits that MAPS reportedly had made in the Wells Fargo Bank was that they were a cover for cocaine money.

"Harold put a lot of drug money in the bank to establish his credit," says a long-time boxing entrepreneur who worked with MAPS briefly. "But he double-crossed those drug guys and now they're after him. The guys are mad at him for something."

According to a former MAPS employee, Smith mentioned as early as last August that "they're after my kid," alluding to a possible

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kidnapping of his son.

In telephone conversations with newsmen last Tuesday night, the person who identified himself as Smith talked of his son's having been kidnapped for a few days by unidentified abductors before Smith himself disappeared, ostensibly to recover or ransom the boy.

"During the time John was gone," says a person with MAPS connections, "I'm told that Harold was getting letters with pieces of chopped-off fingers in them. But when Harold eventually got John back, his son had not been mutilated."

Smith was known to have made occasional trips to Australia, usually through Hong Kong, where he was suspected of laundering the drug money in a Hong Kong bank. When a MAPS employee began talking about a possible drug link not long ago, he was abruptly dismissed by Smith.

"But when Harold found out what this guy knew," a boxing source says, "the guy was immediately rehired."

Although usually soft-spoken, Smith has a reputation for an occasional flaring temper.

"And when he takes his dark glasses off," says a one-time MAPS employee, "he has wild eyes."

The bearded, 6-foot-2-inch Smith usually wore casual clothes and a cowboy hat or a baseball-type cap with "Muhammad Ali" on it. Ali's connection with MAPS did not go beyond the use of his name. For that the three-time heavyweight champion was paid "nearly $1 million" in fees over the last year, according to Ed Franklin, a MAPS attorney.

Ali, however, has insisted that he has been paid only about $200,000 by MAPS.

Until recent years, it appears that Harold Smith was a scuffler without any obvious source of important income. In its publicity brochures, MAPS never disclosed any details of his early life. In its one-page corporate history for the Feb. 23 card, MAPS mentions Smith's "imagination, organizational abilities and business acumen" without any amplification.

Smith is believed to have been born in Alabama, either in Birmingham or Selma, and to have grown up in Nashville, where he is said to have first met Ali in 1960.

During the 1965 Selma protest march, Smith is said to have carried an American flag. Around that time he is said to have been seen often with Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael, two civil-rights activists. And in 1967, shortly after Ali refused to be inducted into the armed forces, Smith reportedly was involved in organizing a petition with hundreds of thousands of signatures protesting the stripping of Ali's title.

"Maybe all that is true," says a longtime friend of Smith's, "but I never heard Harold talk about it. He's not a political-type person. He's not even a Muslim."

When he was asked what he did before he arrived as the director of track meets and amateur boxing for Muhammad Ali Amateur Sports, Inc., in 1977, Smith talked about having been a rock-concert promoter. He co-promoted a Shirley Bassey concert in Los Angeles last August with Ben Lewis, then working in the Wells Fargo Bank, when the alleged embezzlement occurred. They hired Bruce Barrett, a 25-year-old Los Angeles music promoter, as director.

"Harold told me he had been a concert promoter in the South a few years ago," Barrett says. "Talking to him, sometimes I thought he knew a lot about it, sometimes I thought he knew nothing."

Smith's arrival on the Ali scene, and the sports scene for that matter, can be traced to his involvement with the origin of Muhammad Ali Amateur Sports Inc. that was begun partly with Federal funds and was built around Houston McTear, the world class sprinter. Ali's track and field club staged its first meet in 1977.

Early in the previous summer, a Pasadena plastics manufacturer, Phillip Fairchild, invited McTear, then living in Milligan, Fla., to move to California and train for the Montreal Olympics later that summer. McTear was unable to compete in Montreal because of a torn hamstring muscle but that August Ali announced that he would subsidize's McTear's training in California.

"Even if McTear can't pay me back, I'll get him something nice, no shack," said Ali, who reportedly gave the runner $30,000 for a new house in Florida for his family.

Smith has been credited with persuading Ali to support McTear, the original member of the Ali Track Club and still a leading sprinter.

"But now I may not have funding," McTear says now. "Harold Smith used to be my coach. The F.B.I. questioned me about him. When they came to my house to look for him, I tried to get out the back door. The last time I talked to Harold was the weekend before he was missing. He was going to get a job for me. Nothing in particular. I've been doing some carpentry and tile-laying, there's lot of money in it."

In the last year, McTear occasionally accompanied Smith on business trips in the MAPS executive jet.

"I asked Harold if I could go with him, I like to travel," McTear says. "I've never had a salary from Harold but the track club pays the rent for the apartment where my wife Jeannette and I live. It's in Venice, a block from the beach. My wife's the secretary. We pay for the food and everything else but the Track Club pays the rent; a secretary in the MAPS office handles it."

McTear acknowledges that Smith has been a "father figure" to him.

"Harold's always there when I need him," McTear says. "I just can't see how he could get involved in anything like this. I simply don't believe *this* Harold at all. I couldn't see how he would do anything like that—not Harold Smith. I don't believe he did it. The only thing I can see him do wrong . . . I don't want to say this the wrong way . . . a lot of people I've seen around him, a lot of people he deals with, they seem to be just hanging on, not helping the organization. He would give people work because they said they needed it."

McTear agrees that Smith was an "easy touch" for someone with a sad story.

"When w started out, guys wanted to work around the club, they started as volunteers," McTear says. "The next thing I know, Harold was giving them pay. Seven or eight guys. But no matter what, I love him. No matter what he's done, I will always love him."

Smith's first Ali track and field meet was held outdoor at Cerritos, Calif.; his first indoor meet was in the Long Beach Arena.

"Harold was hep, a good salesman, an idea guy," recalls Al Franken, a rival Los Angeles track promoter. "We talked about sharing expenses to bring in certain athletes for both our meets. He always had a lot of money to spend."

Franken remembers Smith portraying himself as an Olympic 400-meter runner.

"But we checked him out on that," Franken says. "He was never an Olympian."

According to other track promoters, however, Smith did not always have a lot of money. Barry Frank, now a vice president of International Management, which has Ali as a client, but then the director of CBS Sports, remembers Smith's requesting $300 in cash in 1977 as part of a $50,000 advance so that Smith could pay for a flight to New York.

Around that same time Smith was organizing the Ali Amateur Boxing Team that featured Tony Tubbs, a heavyweight, and Davey Armstrong, a lightweight. Each later turned pro under contract to MAPS.

"Most amateur teams travel as inexpensively as possible," says a longtime boxing promoter. "Amateurs usually sleep two to a room, and get $8 a day meal money, things like that. But when Ali's team traveled, Smith let them have single rooms and they just signed for their meals in the hotel. Those kids never had it so good."

By then Smith had established a gym in Santa Monica, Calif., where the Ali amateur boxers trained. To "ensure that their young boxers had a destination when their amateur

careers had ended," as its publicity says, MAPS was formed to promote professional boxing. Its first card was held on May 25, 1979, at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium with the welterweights Andy Price and Vincente Hernandez in the main event. The net gate, according to the California State Athletic Commission records, was $6,046. The purses paid to the fighters on the card totaled $11,750.

Those money-losing numbers were to be typical of a MAPS promotion. For its nine shows in California through last November, MAPS receipts were reported to be $162,526, compared with an expenditure to the boxers of $1,225,164—a net loss of $1,092,637.

Counting expenses for arena rental, advertising, promotion and publicity, MAPS loss surely was much more, probably close to $1.5 million. Within the process, MAPS was ingratiating itself to several prominent boxing prospects, notably Thomas Hearns, the Detroit welterweight who now is the World Boxing Association champion.

Hearns got his title shot when MAPS arranged a bout last August 2 with Pipino Cuevas of Mexico in Detroit and on closed circuit television. According to someone familiar with the finances of that fight, MAPS cleared $400,000, its most profitable card.

Hearns, a deadly puncher, knocked out Cuevas in the second round. As the challenger, Hearns had signed for $500,00 with Cuevas getting the champion's share. But the exact amount of Cuevas's share is disputed. One version claims he had been guaranteed $750,000 by MAPS after taxes. Another version was that his share was $1.5 million after taxes. Such a contradiction was another indication that MAPS payments were not always what they were announced to be.

"To get the fight," says Don King, a rival promoter, "Smith sometimes would pay a fighter a bonus in cash that was not an advance against his purse. It was strictly a bonus."

California State Athletic Commission files show that Matthew Saad Muhammad's purse of record was $150,000 for his W.B.C. light-heavyweight title defense against Lotte Mawale of Zambia in San Diego last Nov. 28. But Bob Arum, another rival promoter, has contended that Saad Muhammad received $750,000.

"I counseled him about it," Arum has said. "He has reported every penny to the I.R.S."

Should the MAPS ledgers show payment of, say, $500,000 to a fighter who reports payment of, say, $250,000 on his income tax return, that fighter would be in jeopardy of an Internal Revenue Audit for the $250,000 discrepancy. By the same token, MAPS could be liable for an I.R.S. audit if it had reported paying taxes on only $250,000 instead of the actual $500,000 figure.

With its extravagant purses, MAPS also was raiding the stables of other prominent promoters for several main-event boxers—Wilfredo Gomez, the W.B.C. super bantamweight champion; Saoul Mamby, the W.B.C. junior welterweight champion; and several

MAPSCAM: ANATOMY OF A BANK SCANDAL

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.—AT LUNCH ON Jan. 23, L. Ben Lewis had plenty of food for thought.

Confronted that morning by bank superiors curious about an odd interbranch transaction bearing his signature, the operations officer of the Wells Fargo Bank branch on Beverly Drive here acknowledged some falsification of bank records. After lunch, he had been told, Internal auditors would continue the interrogation.

At that point, Mr. Lewis no doubt realized that the tip of a $21.3 million embezzlement iceberg was being exposed. Apparently unwilling to face the auditors, Mr. Lewis never returned from lunch.

Details now emerging from banking sources suggest that Mr. Lewis perpetrated a huge fraud that lasted for more than two years and involved clever manipulations of an account commonly used by banks to shuffle money among their branches, known as a "branch settlement account."

Mr. Lewis, who is in his late 40s, hasn't resurfaced. His attorney won't reveal his whereabouts, but denies charges against his client made in a civil lawsuit brought by the bank, which names Mr. Lewis, Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Inc. and its top officers as conspirators in the embezzlement. Mr. Lewis is cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to law enforcement sources. Mr. Lewis's alleged scheme was so simple, Richard Cooley, Wells Fargo's chairman, says, that it took Mr. Lewis no more than 10 minutes every fifth working day to carry out. It was discovered only when Mr. Lewis erred and sent the wrong data through the branch settlement process.

The alleged fraud was made easier by Mr. Lewis's position as operations officer, in control of the branch's bookkeeping functions, and by his intimate knowledge of the bank's control systems—information not generally known by branch officers.

Talks with law-enforcement officials, former Wells Fargo officers and rival bankers lead to the conclusion that the fraud couldn't have continued as long as it did had it not been for flaws in the bank's internal auditing and operating controls. "Any kind of decent auditing system should have turned this up," the chairman of a competing bank says.

During an extensive interview, Chairman Cooley concedes that there was a "failure" in the bank's system of operating controls. "We discovered a hole in the system, and we had to change the system," he says. New safeguards, he adds, make this type of fraud much more difficult. But Mr. Cooley denies that the bank's auditing was inadequate. "Auditors wouldn't catch anything," he says, because of the way the fraud was perpetrated.

Mr. Cooley defends the bank's record of integrity, saying that its bonding rate—the charge for insurance against losses from employee fraud—is one of the lowest in the industry. "We take risks," he says. "And when you take risks, you get whacked once in a while.

The nation's 11th-largest bank tried for weeks to limit public disclosures concerning the embezzlement. But as auditors seeking to unravel the fraud slogged through thousands of daily inter-branch transactions involving millions of dollars, speculation mounted about the extent of the bank's problems. So Mr. Cooley decided to "go on the offensive." In part, he says, he wanted to scotch demoralizing rumors that fraud was pervasive among high-ranking officials at the bank's 383 branches. Such rumors were fueled by recent disclosures of questionable activities by two Southern California branch managers. Neither of those cases was related to the embezzlement, Mr. Cooley says.

Also, he says, he wanted to squelch reports that the bank was victimized by a big computer fraud. While knowledge of the safeguards built into the computer helped perpetuate the fraud, he concedes, "this was a systems fraud, not a computer fraud."

Mr. Lewis apparently discovered a gaping hole in the bank's fraud defenses and decided to take advantage of it. "The man figured out a way to beat the system," Mr. Cooley says. While bank officers would routinely brainstorm to figure out ways to beat the system and thus produce defenses against it, nobody ever thought of doing it Mr. Lewis's way, the Wells Fargo chairman says ruefully.

Here is what happened, according to Mr. Cooley.

Because he had worked for a time at the bank's regional computer center, Mr. Lewis, an 11-year Wells Fargo employee, knew two of the most important safeguards against improper manipulations of the branch settlement process.

That process, which has grown increasingly complex with the advent of the computer age and the rapid growth of branch banking in California, involves the shuttling of money among branches. When a check written on an account at Wells Fargo's Miracle Mile branch is cashed at the Beverly Drive branch, for instance, Beverly Drive enters an item in the settlement process requesting reimbursement from Miracle Mile.

Mr. Lewis knew that items in the settlement account had to be cleared up within five days, or a "tracer" warning would be issued by the computer to the branch involved.

So Mr. Lewis typically would write up "tickets" creating credits, against which checks could be drawn, in the accounts connected with Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Inc. and its top officer, Harold J. Smith. Mr. Lewis would notify the system that the credits would be paid by charges against another branch. This entry

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said the debits were en route from the other branch.

But Mr. Lewis wouldn't immediately send the other branch a debit ticket, or request for funds. He pocketed this ticket. Every fifth day, to keep the computer silent, he would create a new credit and other documents for a sum equal to or greater than the previous one. These entries would be accompanied by the prior request for funds causing the computer to believe the previous transaction was balanced. The computer then would give Mr. Lewis another five working days to deal with the new hidden imbalance in the accounts.

This process siphoned millions of dollars out of the branch's own account, but it never touched any depositor's accounts. The embezzlement grew gradually in this way over two years, although Mr. Cooley estimated that about one-third of the funds were taken in the latter half of 1980.

As the amounts of the branch settlement items grew larger in order to cover previous items, Mr. Lewis encountered another system safeguard: The computer automatically issues warning flags on any items over $1 million, a limit that is supposedly confidential. His solution: He divided the single item into two or more items to stay within safe bounds.

To generate more money, Mr. Lewis eventually was being forced to create 25 different credit entries averaging nearly $900,000 each on every fifth working day to stay under the $1 million amount that would have triggered an inquiry from the computer.

Somehow, Mr. Lewis also managed to evade other system safeguards, although Mr. Cooley isn't quite sure how he did it. For instance, he either avoided taking the bank's mandatory two-week annual vacation or managed to stop by the office every fifth working day under some guise and complete his brief chores.

Banks require vacations because they know that internal theft schemes often fall apart if the perpetrator isn't on hand to take care of the niggling details such schemes require.

An officer at another bank, one bank executive recalls, was taking savings-account deposits from elderly people, investing them in higher-yielding money-market funds and raking off the difference. The scheme collapsed when he got sick and wasn't on hand to juggle the accounts when one woman came in seeking her money.

Mr. Lewis also evaded the requirement that certain sensitive duties in each branch be rotated among officers, which is also designed to discourage hanky-panky. "I'm afraid that wasn't done," Mr. Cooley says. "Either they weren't rotated or he somehow managed to keep access to the system." That could have been done rather easily, he concedes, by making the required entries during off-duty hours.

Everything worked until mid-Januray, when Mr. Lewis carelessly filled out and sent the wrong side of the entry "ticket" through the system. For the first time, one of his offsetting entries reached another branch. The long-silent computer was finally triggered, and an operations officer at the bank's Miracle Mile branch received the tracer. She immediately called Mr. Lewis for an explanation, and the "response wasn't adequate," in Mr. Cooley's words. So she reported the incident to the manager of the Beverly Drive branch.

Mr. Lewis was confronted in his branch's conference room. There, according to a bank official's sworn statement filed in court here, he admitted to making false entries in the settlement account on four occasions to provide money for an expensive fight card Mr. Smith was attempting to stage at Madison Square Garden. For some reason, Mr. Lewis was still allowed to go to lunch, after which he was to meet with internal auditors. He never came back.

The embezzlement was a "one-man show," Mr. Cooley contends. Mr. Smith, the boxing promoter, is a co-conspirator in the suit filed by the bank because accounts connected with Mr. Smith and his Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Inc. were used to funnel money out of the bank. Mr. Smith's lawyer didn't return numerous phone calls seeking comment, but Mr. Smith has been widely quoted as denying any wrongdoing. (Boxer Muhammad Ali, although he allowed Mr. Smith to use his name, didn't have an ownership interest in the companies, and federal investigators say he isn't a suspect in the case.)

Gene Kawakami, the recently fired manager of the bank's Miracle Mile branch, wasn't involved in the scheme, Mr. Cooley says. Because he was involved with Mr. Smith's enterprises, as was Mr. Lewis, it had been speculated that Mr. Kawakami took part in the plan. The bank says Mr. Kawakami was fired because he allegedly was involved in approving improper loans to an admitted gambler unconnected to the embezzlement, although the case was uncovered during the investigation of Mr. Lewis's actions. Mr. Kawakami couldn't be reached for comment.

Totally unrelated was alleged improper loan activity uncovered at the bank's Hollywood branch at about the same time. The manager there, Joseph Mahfet Jr., was alleged to have approved $3.5 million in loans to unwitting investors in an alleged pyramid-like land-development scheme in Tennessee. He was suspended by the bank, pending an investigation, and he couldn't be reached for comment. Mr. Cooley says that Mr. Mahfet was under suspicion well before the embezzlement scheme came to light.

Messrs. Lewis, Kawakami and Mahfet did have one thing in common: they allegedly failed to disclose to the bank, as required annually, some business interests that probably would have been forbidden by bank policy. "That's grounds for getting rid of them right there," Mr. Cooley says.

However, enforcing the disclosure requirement is another kettle of fish. "It's hard to check every incorporation paper in Sacramento," Mr. Cooley says, "but maybe that's what we'll have to do."

Clearly, the events of recent weeks have left their mark at Wells Fargo, a highly profitable and aggressive bank. But the embezzlement scheme has caused concern throughout the banking community.

While bankers criticize the control at Wells Fargo, they concede that their own banks are similarly vulnerable. Some banks are reviewing internal safeguards in light of Wells Fargo's woes.

Because of the enormous number of daily transactions, bankers say, it's impossible to balance a branch's settlement account daily. At best, items can be expected to clear in three to five days, they say.

In fact, many banks don't even have a trigger level, like Wells Fargo's $1 million limit, to automatically call transactions for review. Sources at rival banks also concede that they are probably equally lax about rotating duties and enforcing vacation schedules.

From now on, says the chief operations officer of a bank based in Los Angeles, "much more emphasis will have to be put on this area." For starters, banks are likely to vary the time items will be allowed to remain out of balance and also vary the size of items that will trigger reviews—steps Wells Fargo has already taken.

But these bankers dispute Mr. Cooley's assertion that his auditors were helpless. To combat such frauds, they send teams of auditors on surprise trips to delve into settlement accounts. The teams review all transactions, regardless of size or time outstanding. In particular, they match entries to make sure they balance and check to see whether disbursements were actually made.

Anything can be kept going if it isn't checked properly, says a former Beverly Hills bank executive. Auditors should be good and independent, he notes, but they are usually neither.

The surprising frequently of misconduct among middle-level bank officers is a constant complaint of banking executives. Says one, who was once responsible for investigating officer wrongdoing: "A shocking number of bank officers had to be removed for breaches of fiduciary duty. It's like a sickness." But most of these are minor offenses, he said.

A former Wells Fargo official believes Wells Fargo is paying the price for its aggressive push into the Southern California market over the past decade. That push, he claims, stretched the bank's talent thin.

Mr. Cooley denies this. "We didn't push that hard," he says. "We tried to grow by eight or 10 branches a year." He concedes that this growth forced the bank to forcefeed people hired from outside the system but insists that this didn't lead to any serious internal problems.

Still, the embezzlement scheme has opened a few eyes at the bank and forced a number of operating changes. Knowledge about what circumstances—such as the amount of an entry—will trigger the computer to single out a transaction for review is much more closely guarded, for one thing.

And that isn't all. "We're getting an outside firm in to look at our system," Mr. Cooley says. Previously, the bank had done all such work internally.

Meanwhile, the FBI investigation continues. Sources close to the investigation expect federal authorities to seek indictments within the next couple of weeks. "They want absolute tracings on every piece of paper," Mr. Cooley says.

Much is still to be learned, he adds. The bank's internal study may last as long as three months. Mr. Cooley wouldn't rule out the possibility that other acts of wrongdoing related to the fraud might be uncovered, although he doesn't believe that would increase the amount of money the bank claims was embezzled.

The bank and federal investigators are still trying to ascertain what happened to the embezzled funds. Based on Mr. Lewis's impromptu confession to bank officials, some of it went to Mr. Smith's lavish and loss-ridden—and estimated $10 million—fight promotions. Some of it went into accounts at two other Los Angeles financial institutions, according to court records. Mr. Smith's wife allegedly used some proceeds to buy a Mercedes Benz, while an employee of Mr. Smith's used some of it to buy a Datsun.

Still, the bank isn't taking the fraud stoically. "Somebody took $21 million from us and we're mad," Mr. Cooley says.

ranking heavyweight contenders—Leon Spinks, Scott Ledoux, Leroy Jones and Eddie (Animal) Lopez.

"He used to tell me, 'You're a legend, Don' " said King "and then he stole five of my fighters before I woke up."

In addition to Hearns and Saad Muhammad, Smith had acquired promotional contracts with Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, the W.B.A. light-heavyweight champion; Aaron Pryor, the W.B.A. junior-welterweight champion; Jeff Chander, the W.B.A. bantamweight champion, and two ranking heavyweight contenders, Gerry Cooney and Marty Monroe.

"When Harold signed Pryor," says Don Elbaum, a boxing promoter who advises the Cincinnati fighter, "he wanted an option for six title defenses but I told him that was too many. He asked me, 'how many?' I told him, 'two.' And he told me, 'You got it.' That's another thing about Harold, he seldom ever argued about anything."

Elbaum testified to another Smith trait—tardiness for appointments.

"Harold was never an hour or two late, he was two or three days late," Elbaum says. "One time he was supposed to come to Cincinnati to see Aaron's manager, Buddy LaRosa, who had a big dinner planned at his house for Harold. But Harold didn't show up. Buddy kept the chef around for two nights, still no Harold, and then Harold showed up at four in the morning."

Smith has another habit— gambling on horses and at dice. He has a reputation for having bet as much as $50,000 on a horse race and for winning, and losing, as much as $50,000 in the Las Vegas casinos.

Of the three race horses he is suspected of owning, two (John Lee 'n Harold and an older claiming horse, Uniformity) are registered with the California Racing Commission under the ownership of Michael I. Blake at 3231 Ocean Park Boulevard in Santa Monica— the MAPS address. The third horse, Baladi is registered under the ownership of the Three-Time Champ Stable, apparently a reference to Ali, and Lloyd Benjamin Lewis, the MAPS official who worked in the Wells Fargo bank where the embezzlement allegedly took place. Lewis's listed address is also the same as that of the MAPS office.

"Blake is just a young kid who takes care of the horses," says a source familiar with the MAPS operation. "But they're Harold's horses."

Smith apparently enjoyed gambling more than he enjoyed promoting. He often said, "I hate boxing," predicting that he would not be in boxing by the end of this year. Employees report that he recorded conversations and videotaped meetings with boxing people. But if he were suffering, not many noticed. Perhaps his most extraordinary promotion was the pro debut last year in Cincinnati of Tony Tubbs, the heavyweight who had been on Ali's amateur boxing team.

For that Riverfront Arena card, which attracted less than 1,000 spectators on a Saturday afternoon, Smith paid Earnie Shavers, twice a challenger for the heavyweight title, $50,000 for the main event. Ali and his wife Veronica were flown in from Los Angeles, along with Jimmy Lennon, a ring announcer, and more than half a dozen round-card girls. Smith's total outlay was estimated at more than $200,000 with no TV revenue.

In his favor as a promoter, Smith was known to be seeking the unification of all the titles. Because of the boxing politics in the W.B.C. and the W.B.A., each ruling body has its own champion in every division except middleweight, where Marvin Hagler of Brockton, Mass., is the titleholder.

"Harold wanted to unify all the titles," says a source familiar with Smith's plan. "Then he wanted to use neutral rankings, say a Ring Magazine panel, to establish the rightful challengers for the titles. By doing that, he hoped to ruin both the W.B.C. and the W.B.A."

Smith has apparently ruined himself instead. Among those suspecting that MAPS was being financed by nefarious means was Barry Frank, of International Management, the Mark McCormack firm that has Ali as a client. Frank says he wrote a letter last Nov. 6 to Michael Phenner, a Chicago attorney who was hired by Ali earlier last year.

"I told Mike," says Frank, "that the word on the streets was that Smith's money was not kosher and I suggested he check it out. That letter led to the Arthur Andersen accounting firm being hired by Mike to check out Smith's books, but Smith refused access."

The day Ali received that letter, he and Phenner agreed to demand an audit to the MAPS accounts. Ali eventually disassociated himself from MAPS when the scandal broke. Later, the former heavyweight champion voluntarily was interviewed by F.B.I. agents in Los Angeles regarding the investigation into MAPS finances and Smith's whereabouts. In one of those telephone conversations, the person who identified himself as Smith mentioned that he had been in Switzerland but some people familiar with Smith's travel habits believe he may have gone to Australia.

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"Right before Harold disappeared," says one of Smith's confidant's, "he told me three or four times that he had to go to Australia."

Wherever he was, wherever he is, Smith is now the world's most famous fugitive. Paul Caruso, a noted California criminal lawyer, has been hired by a friend to represent Smith when, or if, he surfaces. Meanwhile, in the cruel humor of boxing, Smith's rival promoters are chuckling. Bob Arum remembers that when he once questioned Smith about the source of MAPS finances, Smith replied that the money came from a "legitimate source."

"What," says Arum now with a laugh, "could be more legitimate than a bank?"

Don King, meanwhile, remembered that Smith spoke two years ago of having a terminal illness.

"In two years," King says now, "maybe Harold knew that he would be dead of lead poisoning."

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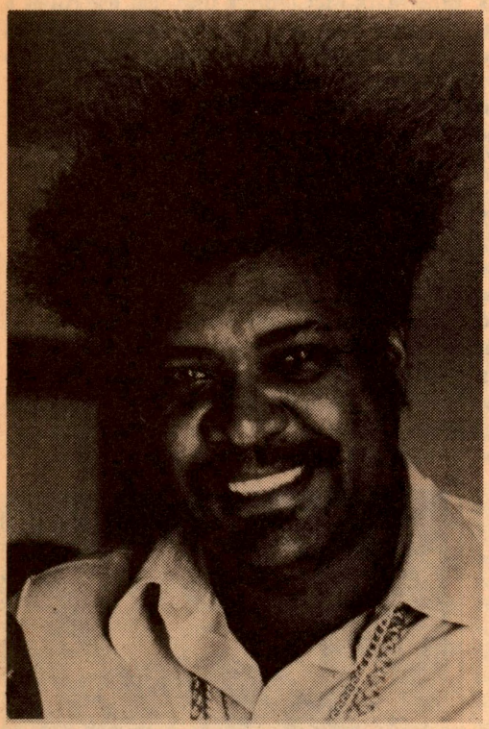

WILL BOXING'S NEW INVESTIGATION DO JUSTICE TO THE SPORT?

IN THE HALLS OF JUSTICE, IS JUSTICE ONLY DONE OUT IN THE HALLS?

THE PROSECUTORIAL MIND, FACED BY recurrent but changing villainy in boxing, takes refuge in a formula. No investigation can get off the ground until the name of William Phillip Daly has been introduced. In that sense the current Federal grand jury proceedings in New York that may lead to indictments alleging fixed fights, bribery, monopoly and kickbacks is on the traditional course. Daly has been interviewed by the FBI.

At the age of 82, wig-topped Daly is regarded as one of the craftiest men in boxing. There is no question of this. He has held hands with the best hustlers in the business for almost sixty years. He has been hectored, badgered, browbeaten by investigators from New York to California, yet he has always come out unscathed. He is boxing's ultimate survivor. Whether anybody in boxing will ever surpass Daly's record is doubtful. Not every man is as fast on his feet.

In 1955, by short-changing a fighter named Vince Martinez and insisting that part of Martinez' purse had gone to "take care of the referee and judges" in a California fight, Daly caused the launching of an investigation by the New York State Athletic Commission that led to the outlawing of the New York Managers Guild.

A year later, Daly, as the secretary-treasurer of the International Boxing Guild, was among several of the Guild's officers indicted by the Federal government on charges of organizing a criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade and plotting to fix television fees for fights. Daly and the others were cleared after the judge in the case granted a directed verdict of "Not Guilty" in a Federal court in Cleveland.

In September, 1959, a Federal grand jury in Los Angeles returned indictments against two of boxing's most notorious mobsters, Frankie Carbo and Blinky Palermo, on charges of conspiracy to violate the Federal anti-racketeering act, extortion and conspiracy. Indicted with Carbo and Palermo were two West Coast mobsters, Louis Dragna and Joe Sica, and Truman Gibson, who was Jim Norris's lawyer and an officer of the star-crossed International Boxing Club. The case grew out of an investigation into charges that the five conspired to shake down Donald Paul Nesseth, the manager of Don Jordan, the welterweight champion.

Within six minutes of the indictments, all of the accused were rounded up and placed under arrest. Daly, who was named in the case as a co-conspirator, was not indicted. He whistled while the others went on trial and were convicted. All except Gibson did time in Federal penitentiaries.

Daly's magic persists. No sooner had the Federal Bureau of Investigation begun to seek information about the contemporary state of boxing than Joseph Spinelli, an FBI agent, sought out Daly.

Neither the form nor the substance of their conversation is known. Despite widespread conjecture in the daily press no agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been interviewed about the course of the inquiry. Nevertheless, people in boxing insist that the thrust of the investigation is aimed at Don King, the promoter, for the purpose of nailing him to a cross. This may be so, but it ain't necessarily so.

For one thing, Grand Jury testimony is seldom, if ever disclosed. For another, nothing said or heard in boxing is the gospel truth. In point is an allegation that gained currency in boxing circles regarding Spinelli, who was supposed to have muttered in the course of the investigation, "I'm going to get that black son of a bitch." Don King was purported to be the target of the reference.

When the unfounded slur was first heard it was attributed to the reportage of Bob Waters of Newsday, the Long Island newspaper. This proved to be erroneous. "Spinelli never told me that," Waters said. "I heard it from somebody else, and that's all I know about it." Others also denied hearing it.

King is as tall as a tree and as wide as a stable door. Every inch of him is sensitive to boxing gossip. His dark hackles rose when the statement falsely attributed to Spinelli reached his ears. "I know they're coming after me because I'm the black guy," King said.

This striving for martyrdom was rejected by people who know how the U.S. Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York works. For one thing, the matter of prosecution is handled not by the FBI, but by the U.S. Attorney, John Martin, and his assist-

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ants. Witnesses before a grand jury are questioned both by an assistant U.S. Attorney and any of the jurors who may want further information. Guidelines are derived from information adduced by FBI interrogations, but in no way does the FBI get involved in the grand jury room itself.

If King is indicted it will be the grand jury that will bring in the indictment, not Joe Spinelli of the FBI. But nobody is certain that the extent of the investigation is focused on King alone.

In one quarter it is held that the Organized Crime Strike Force is involved in the boxing matter, perhaps on the premise that King's activities encompass much more than mere sport. A front-rank lawyer who knows his way along the dimly lit roads of boxing addressed himself to this matter recently.

"The investigation could go in many directions," the lawyer said, "but I don't think it is concerned with a promoter like King owning pieces of fighters. Hell, that's small potatoes. To my mind it is more widespread and involves such aspects as the laundering of dirty money through boxing and the possible involvement of mob elements in places like Las Vegas and elsewhere.

"We have been hearing for years about promoters shipping money to Argentina or Mexico or Panama to pay fighters for services rendered in the United States. Maybe the Government would like to know whether this was a device to beat the taxes. Proving that this has happened is another matter. The point is that there is more to this than fixed fights. I venture to suggest that with the Organized Crime Strike Force involved, they are going after bigger things."

If so, the Government's attitude toward crime has altered considerably since Carbo and Palermo were hooked in the Don Jordan case two decades ago. Carbo, for one thing, was a notorious criminal with a record of seventeen arrests for vagrancy, felonious assault, grand larceny, robbery, five murders and violation of New York State boxing laws. He had done time for both manslaughter and for acting as an undercover fight manager.

Once, along with such notorious gangsters as Louis Lepke Buchalter, Bugsy Seigel, Mendy Weiss, Champ Segal, he was charged with the murder in California of one Harry Schachter, alias Harry Greenberg, a member of Murder, Inc. Their trial in Los Angeles resulted in a hung jury. Before a second trial was to take place, Abe "Kid Twist" Reles, a witness who was to testify against Carbo, fell in or, more probably was pushed to his death from a hotel window in Coney Island. Carbo was never retried for this homicide.

When, finally, the Government did nail Carbo, they got him, in his words, "for spitting on the sidewalk." The conspiracy case involving Don Jordan was hardly of a magnitude indicated in the latest boxing investigation. For one thing, piddling sums of money were involved in the attempt by Carbo and Palermo, and their cohort, to coerce Nesseth and Jackie Leonard, Nesseth's partner, into cutting them in on Jordan's purses.

These days, however, boxing is in the big chips. Networks pay large sums for the rights to world championship bouts, which are regulated by the self-anointed World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association. King has paid Muhammad Ali as much as eight million dollars for a single bout. Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran split some $25,000,000 in their two fights. Big money begets big sins. Big money also leads to wider investigations.

That the FBI moved in on boxing in the latest instance is not surprising. In the past, boxing commissions in the various states conducted their own inquiries. This is no longer true, largely because those boxing commissions have lost either their enthusiasm for investigation or their clout.

This stems largely from the influence wielded by the WBC and the WBA in the ever-enriching world of championship boxing. These organizations control championship ratings and move challengers up and down the scale at will. Their influence is so great, they often dictate the sizes of purses in championship bouts by ordering a system of bids to determine which promoter gets a specific title bout.

So great is the influence of the WBC and the WBA, ABC-TV will not televise a championship bout if it does not have the stamp of approval of either organization. What is more, the WBC and the WBA have been able to dictate the selection of referees and judges for world championship bouts, a function usurped from the state athletic commissions eager to submit to any embarassment just to have boxing shows within their borders.

Into this changing boxing world the Government has moved stealthily, but not stealthily enough to keep fight men from bragging that they have been questioned by the FBI and, in some instances, asked to submit business records.

Even Jack Prenderville, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, has joined the sound-of-your-own-voice corps. He has disclosed that the FBI asked his office recently for all records pertaining to the Larry Holmes-Mike Weaver bout in Madison Square Garden on June 22, 1979. In that fight, Holmes rallied to stop Weaver in the 12th round in defense of the WBC heavyweight title.

Immediately, there was prevalent the surmise that there was "something wrong" with the fight. What is more likely is that the FBI was more interested in the purse distribution—who got how much money and why. Did King, who co-promoted the fight with the Garden, also share in Holmes's purse?

(Actually, Holmes's purse was miniscule—estimated at no more than $80,000—because ABC-TV turned down the fight and neither of the other two national networks would touch it. When Holmes was prodded to speak about the small purse, he reacted sharply. "Nobody's business how much I get for a fight," the WBC heavyweight champion responded.)

The distribution of another purse apparently has led the FBI to inquire into the 15-round bout in Las Vegas on Nov. 5, 1977, between Ken Norton and Jimmy Young. It will be remembered that the WBC recognized Norton as the world heavyweight champion as a result of his victory in this bout. However, the FBI's interest did not originate in this forgettable fact of fight history.

Norton and Young fought at Caesars Palace and in the gaudy casino of that improbably decorated pleasure dome boxing people were whispering that a good old Philadelphia boy named Blinky Palermo, having recently broken the ties that bound him for more than fifteen years to the U.S. prison system, had moved into the management of Young.

Indeed, the rumor was so persistent, a press conference was hastily called in the suite of Jack Levin, a Philadelphia retailer of electrical supplies, who claimed to be shocked by rumors of his association with Palermo. He had one partner in the management of Young, Levin said, but that partner was not Palermo. When Young lost to Norton, nobody seemed to take the entire matter to heart, but now it has been revived by the FBI's interest in Young's losing bout with Norton.

There are other fish on the floor to stink up boxing. Harold Smith, for instance. While FBI—and the Grand Jury—were looking in one direction for King, Smith snuck off in the other. With $21.3 million. Which is why nobody concerned with the lofty matter of the game's future can put his finger exactly on the goal of the Grand Jury investigation. It is easy to tumble to helter-skelter innuendo, but how much does anybody know about the exact pattern of the inquiry?

No sooner had boxing people whispered first about the investigation than mention was made of the United States Boxing Championship Tournament, conducted by King, in conjunction with ABC-TV in 1977. A boxing insider said, "Guys around think the statute of limitations has run out on that thing, but they're wrong. Remember one thing: Some of those fights were conducted on Federal property in Pensacola and at Annapolis. Hey, come on. The FBI certainly would like to know more about that, and don't be surprised if they do."

From the outset serious doubts afflicted King's tournament. Fighters' records were falsified, charges of kickbacks and bribery were tossed about, and it became evident that certain fighters were invited to take part in the tournament while other more deserving ones were excluded. Paddy Flood and Al Braverman, old-line fight managers, were paid $20,000 each by King to act as "consultants". And consulted with each other. What they did largely was to move certain privileged fighters, often their own, into the Tournament.

In an effort to present the Tournament in its best light, King had agreed to pay the former proprietor of this magazine $70,000 for use of its rating as a basis for extending invitations to the tournament.

At the same time, he put John Ort, then an editor for *The Ring*, on his payroll as a consultant, although Ort, as an employee, was responsible for preparing the magazine's monthly ratings of fighters. King paid Ort $5,000, but it has been suggested that sum was not all that Ort got.

One boxer admitted that he had made the grade after Ort had credited him with winning two fights in Mexico in 1976. The fighter, a Texan named Ike Fluellen, actually did not engage in a single bout that year.

When, finally, the heat in the kitchen was overwhelming, ABC-TV suspended the tournament and hired Michael Armstrong, a New York lawyer known widely as a effective investigator, to check it out. In a 327-page report, he made many allegations of wrongdoing. Among them was the allegation that King had an indirect financial interest in five fighters in the tournament: heavyweights Larry Holmes, Jeff Merritt, Stan Ward, Leroy Jones, and middleweight Bobby Watts. In his very first fight in the tournament, down in San Antonio, Watts committed the dreadful blunder of getting himself knocked out by David Love in four rounds. King's affection for Watts waned.

It appeared at the time that King could not survive the ordeal by scandal. Yet, significantly, soon after publication of the Armstrong report King was back selling fights shows to ABC-TV and even entered into a deal with Sonny Werblin to co-promote boxing in Madison Square Garden. That venture was a disaster and apparently is in no way involved in the present Grand Jury investigation.

Anyway, King's record in the chutzpah league in unsurpassed. Soon after he moved into the Garden, Gil Clancy succeeded Teddy Brenner as the matchmaker. It did not take long before Clancy received a memorandum from King, dated Dec. 22, 1978, that listed forty-four fighters Clancy could not deal with directly.

King wrote, "In order to avoid unnecessary negotiations on your part with certain fighters with whom I already have contracts, please contact me for the services of the following fighters. "Heading the list was Larry Holmes, the WBC heavyweight champion.

Obviously, King will explain this by insisting that he was representing himself as having an agreement with Holmes for the WBC heavyweight champion's services. This runs counter to the broadly held notion that King "manages" Holmes and that Richie Giachetti, the titleholder's apparent manager, goes along for laughs and a piece of the action.

Giachetti has been subpoenaed to testify before the Grand Jury. One of the matters on tap for discussion will be King's role in Holmes's scheme of things. Giachetti insists he will not talk. "I'll take the Fifth," he says.

"Which brand?"a guy asked Giachetti.

"I'm not drinking anymore," the manager said.

"No more, but no less," the other said unashamedly.

They laughed, all the while knowing that the Grand Jury investigation of corruption in boxing is not a laughing matter. ■

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NEW FACES

FRANK FLETCHER

AFTER WATCHING MUSTAFA HAMSHO capture a hard-fought, close and controversial 10-round decision against Curtis Parker, Frank "The Animal" Fletcher said about the once-beaten Syrian, "He's my kind of fighter. He puts his head down, grits his teeth and pours it on. Man, me and him would be some kind of fight. I'd love it!" He was quick to add, "Of course, the bread will have to be kind of thick."

For three-and-one-half years, Fletcher didn't know what "thick bread" looked like. In fact, from the time he turned pro in October, 1976 until April, 1980, Fletcher had earned very little bread. What bread he did earn was of the thin-sliced variety. Nine hundred dollars worth.

Fights were hard to get, few managers wanting to risk throwing their gladiators in with the lion . . . make that "Animal." After his first three-and-one-half years in the game, after his first seven fights, after earning all of $900—minus taxes—Fletcher had but a 4-2-1 record, plus long periods of inactivity, to show for his professional efforts.

After making his pro debut on October 7, 1976, Fletcher went eight months before fighting again. A March 2, 1978 knockout of John Scott in Philadelphia was followed by 19 more months of inactivity.

"Matches kept falling through," sighed Fletcher. "I'd get in top shape, then come up empty. I'd relax for a while, then get back in top shape again. Then another match would fall through. It was bad for me mentally. I started to get down on myself."

Fletcher's 19-month layoff ended when he fought a six-round draw with tough junior middleweight Tony Braxton. The match was so exciting and close that a rematch was fought four weeks later—inside Rahway State Prison, underneath the James Scott-Yaqui Lopez bout. In another wild six-rounder, Braxton narrowly outpointed Fletcher.

The loss gave Fletcher a 1-2-1 record for his last four fights; and a dreary outlook for the future. Then came the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN). And Wilson Bell. And Sugar Ray Leonard.

ESPN, the cable TV network which telecasts 24 hours a day of sports programming, began a national boxing tournament in conjunction with Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc. Wilson Bell was invited to take part in the tournament's middleweight competition. Then, in early 1980, Bell was injured while sparring with Sugar Ray Leonard. Enter Frank Fletcher, stage right.

"It was the break I needed," said Fletcher. "I knew the ESPN tournament could open doors for me, would put money in my pocket, would keep me active and help get my career moving. To me, the tournament was make it or break it." Fletcher made it.

He fought four times in the ESPN tournament. First came an eight-round decision against Ben Serrano.

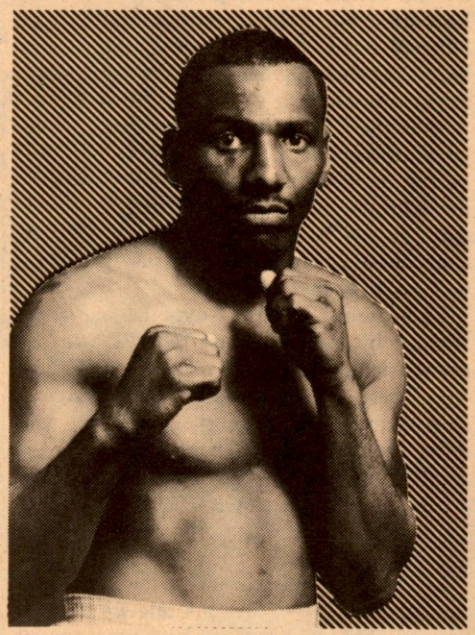
"That fight helped me get my timing back," stated Fletcher.

With his "timing back," Fletcher knocked out Jerome Jackson in the fifth round to capture the ESPN regional championship; William "Caveman" Lee in the fourth round for the Inter-Regional Championship; and Randy McGrady in the seventh round for the national title. Besides giving Fletcher the work he so sorely needed and the exposure that turned him into a household word among fight-beat regulars, ESPN guaranteed the winner of each championship in the tournament a shot at a world-rated contender—along with a $10,000 payday. Slammin' Sammy NeSmith—one of the hardest punchers in the middleweight division and a kayo winner over Ronnie Harris—was Fletcher's "prize" for winning the ESPN tournament. In one of 1980's top fights, Fletcher outslammed Sammy, knocking him out in the third round.

Fletcher's early biography is the same as so many fighters: Street-life, back-alley brawls, corrupt friends, time in jail. And, like so many other fighters, it was in jail Fletcher learned to apply the trade that is carrying him towards a shot at the middleweight championship of the world. The seeds of boxing were already implanted in his mind—put there by his mother, Lucille, who is an amateur boxing judge, and by his uncle, Dick Turner, a former welterweight contender in the early '60's—when he was incarcerated for one year in 1975.

Fletcher, managed by Philadelphia's Marty Feldman, and trained by the Reverend Alvin Thompson, who also co-manages him explains his fight strategy in a straight-forward, easy-to-understand manner:

"When I step into the ring, I try to destroy my opponent. I give every fight everything



I've got. I try to make sure everybody gets to see what they paid for. The middleweight title is my dream, and I'll knock over anybody standing in my way."

FRANK FLETCHER

Height: 5'7" **Weight:** 160 pounds
Born: May 7, 1954
Amateur Record: 12-3

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 7	Charles Stern	Allentown	W 4

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 15	Jody White	Philadelphia	KO 4
Oct. 20	Dan Snyder	Upper Darby	KO 2
Oct. 25	Art McCloud	Philadelphia	L 6

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 21	John Scott	Philadelphia	KO 2

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 27	Tony Braxton	Rahway, N.J.	D 6
Dec. 1	Tony Braxton	Rahway, N.J.	L 6

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 10	Ben Serrano	Atlantic City	W 8
May 8	Jerome Jackson	Atlantic City	KO 5
July 3	William Lee	Atlantic City	KO 4
Sept. 4	Randy McGrady	Atlantic City	KO 7
Dec. 4	Sammy NeSmith	Atlantic City	KO 6

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
12	9	2	1	7

JOHNNY BUMPHUS

JOHNNY BUMPHUS SAT AT THE DINNER table with a lady friend, a writer and the writer's four-year-old daughter, Allison.

"What's your name?" pretty little blonde Allison asked the fighter.

"Johnny Bumphus," answered the unbeaten junior welterweight.

Allison stared blankly for a moment, then said, with puzzlement in her voice, "Johnny Bump-iss."

The fighter smiled at her innocent mistake.

"You can call me 'Bump City' ," he said.

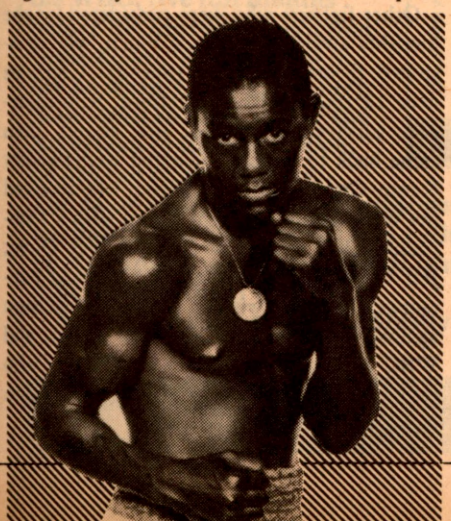
"Bump City," repeated Allison. "Like . . . like . . . give 'em lumps, Bump."

Bumphus sat in front of the television set in his dressing room, watching a tape of his close friend and stablemate, Alex Ramos, who had stopped tough Marciano Bernardi 30 minutes earlier before a national audience on NBC-TV.

As Bumphus watched, he tenderly fingered a cut along the side of his right eye, put there after a second round clash of heads with opponent Victor Pappa, whom Bumphus had decisioned only minutes earlier. The victory, Bumphus' fifth in as many fights, marked the first time Bumphus was forced to travel the eight-round distance.

"The world of professional boxing is a lot rougher place than the world of amateur boxing" said Bumphus, who is managed by Lou Duva and Shelly Finkel. "A lot rougher. But it's good for me. It'll bring out the best in me."

The world has not yet seen the best of Johnny Bumphus, who might know more about amateur boxing than any young man who ever laced on a pair of gloves. He began boxing in his hometown of Tacoma, Washington, at an age when most little boys are still playing with toy soldiers and trucks. Bumphus won his first amateur title shortly before his 10th birthday. Over the following 10 years, he went on to win over six dozen championships and titles. During that period of time, he also amassed one of the most sensational amateur records of all time: 341 victories in 357 fights. In international competition, Bumphus won gold medals versus teams from Israel, Yugoslavia, Cuba (on four occasions), Poland, East Germany, West Germany, Guyana, Ireland and the Soviet Union. Many of his amateur bouts were shown on national television, including his gold medal performance in the 1980 Olympic Trials.



The victory in the Olympic Trials was bittersweet. Bumphus went into the competition knowing that the United States would not be sending an Olympic team to Moscow due to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. Had Bumphus gone to Moscow, he would have competed at the light welterweight level, the same classification Sugar Ray Leonard won his gold medal in 1976.

"I worked all my life, all those years towards getting to those Games, and look what happened," Bumphus stated after the Trials. Now, seven months later, Bumphus still feels, not bitterness, but a trace of sadness that his country did not partake in Olympic competition.

"I'll always wonder what would have happened had I gone to Moscow. I wonder how I would have done; how the U.S. Boxing Team would have done; how the U.S. Team, overall, would have done. I think about it a lot." He was quick to add, "But I don't dwell on the past as much as I dwell on the future. I'm after the junior welterweight title and I'm going to get it. I believe I'll also win the welterweight crown in the future."

That is a belief held by many. Here are just a few opinions from boxing's people in the know:

Bob Arum, Chairman, Top Rank, Inc.—"Bumphus is the most outstanding prospect to come along since Ray Leonard. At this point in his career, he is more advanced than Leonard was at the same stage. I think he's going to be better than Leonard."

Harold Weston, Jr., Assistant Matchmaker, Madison Square Garden: "Bumphus is a real outstanding talent. He might even be the head of the crop of young fighters at that weight class. He's a real sharp boxer, and that makes him hard to beat. He's also a southpaw . . . not just *any* southpaw, but a real good one."

Mike Michaud, Welterweight boxer—"It's not right to be that tall at that weight, so good, so fast, so talented. Some people have it, I guess. Bumphus has it, and how!"

Michaud was the man chosen by Top Rank—with whom Bumphus has signed to promote his fights—to initiate "Bump City" into the punch-for-pay ranks. Going into the fight, Michaud possessed a 12-7-1 record, every one a respectable performance. Weeks before the opening bell he had told *The Ring*, "I'm not in there to lose. I'm in there to win. When I beat Bumphus I'll get all the recognition and some big money fights." He trained as if he meant it. It didn't matter.

At the opening bell, he went after Bumphus, an emotionally and physically supercharged fighter, hell-bent on destroying the opposition. Sharp punches flew rapidly and from all directions at Michaud. Before round one was half over, Michaud's face was a crimson mask. There was no round two.

The writer had just switched off the television in his den after watching Bumphus breeze to yet another victory, when the telephone rang. It was Bumphus calling long distance.

"Where's my gal Allison?" asked the flashy southpaw.

His young admirer was put on the line.

"I saw you on television," said Allison.

"Who's your favorite fighter?" Bumphus asked.

"You are."

"What's my name?"

"Bump City."

"And what do I do when I fight?"

"You give 'em lumps, Bump."

JOHNNY BUMPHUS

Height: 6′¼″
Weight: 140 pounds
Born: August 17, 1960
Amateur Record: 341-16

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Nov.8	Mike Michaud	Lake Tahoe, Nev.	KO 1
Dec. 4	Ken Long	Atlantic City	KO 1
Dec. 20	Norberto Figueroa	Bronx	W 6

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 15	Jose Angel Medina	San Antonio	KO 2
Feb. 8	Victor Pappa	McAfee, N.J.	W 8

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
5	5	0	0	3

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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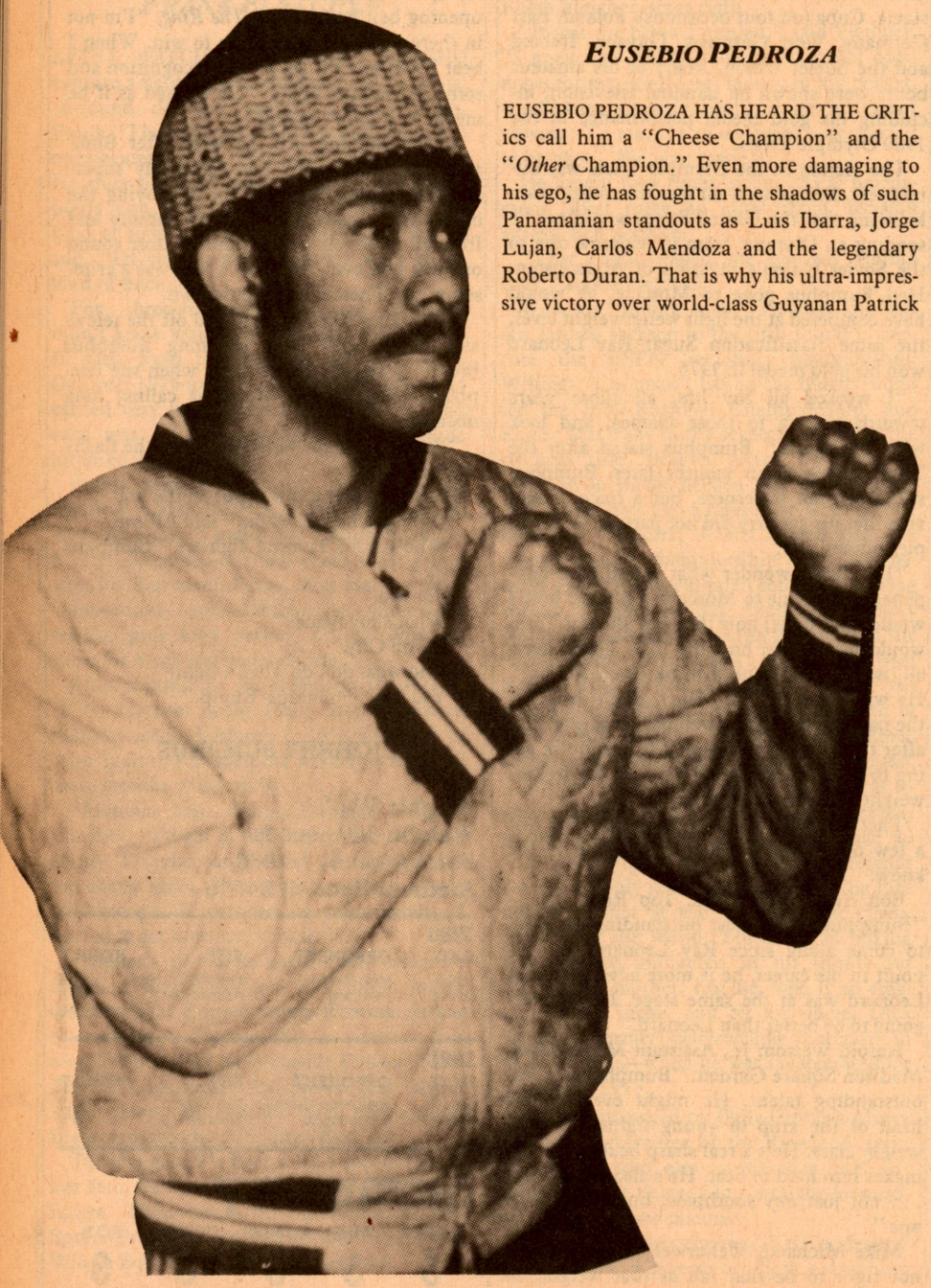

EUSEBIO PEDROZA

EUSEBIO PEDROZA HAS HEARD THE CRITics call him a "Cheese Champion" and the "*Other* Champion." Even more damaging to his ego, he has fought in the shadows of such Panamanian standouts as Luis Ibarra, Jorge Lujan, Carlos Mendoza and the legendary Roberto Duran. That is why his ultra-impressive victory over world-class Guyanan Patrick Ford—a victory which earned Pedroza the honor of being named *The Ring's* "Fighter of the Month"—was perhaps the sweetest victory of his eight-year career.

Pedroza, who looked every bit the part of a champion as he dismantled Ford (see "Ringside Reports") stated after the bout, "I am the best featherweight in the world, and want to prove I am the best fighter in Panama, a direct shot at Duran's less-than-championship attitude last November 25 versus Sugar Ray Leonard.

The victory, which was televised nationally over ABC-TV, earns Pedroza a one-year supply of clothes from Sasson Jeans, Inc.

Runner-up for monthly honors was Vineland, New Jersey's Mario Maldonado. Unrated Mario Maldonado. All he did was destroy the title dreams of junior middleweight contender Roger Leonard, who was rated fourth by *The Ring's* International Ratings Panel. Maldonado destroyed Leonard's title hopes by stopping him in the 10th and final round of their bout, which supposed to be little more than a tune-up for the brother of the welterweight champion.

In 1980, Maldonado won six of 10 fights. In 1979, he was 5-3. In the first fights of his professional career, he was stopped by . . . guess who? By Roger Leonard.

Other fighters who were considered for the monthly award were Bruce Finch, who decisioned favored Zeferino (Speedy) Gonzalez over 12 rounds; Roger Stafford, who somehow survived a dreadful first round, then came back to decision talented welterweight Kenny Crooms; Hilario Zapata, who retained his WBC junior lyweight crown with a 13th-round TKO against world-class Joey Olivo; Jeff Chandler, who retained his world bantamweight crown with an impressive decision against former titleholder Jorge Lujan, and WBC bantamweight king Lupe Pintor, who retained his title with a one-sided decision over Argentina's Jose Uziga.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

How soon we forget! It was just 14 years ago this month that Muhammad Ali refused to step forward for induction into the Armed Services. The reaction of the politicians was swift. And predictable. Within 24 hours the WBA and the New York State Athletic Commission had stripped Ali of the crown he had won in the ring even before his conviction in the courts. Almost immediately after he had won his appeal to the Supreme Court they both turned around and welcomed him with more open arms than open minds. So much for political decisions.

Now a similar case seems to be abuilding. Although the two alleged crimes are dissimilar, the reaction of the politicians is the same. The case in point is James Scott. Scott only recently was found guilty of felony murder and first degree murder by a Superior Court jury in Newark. This after having served some five years of a 30-to-40 year sentence for a robbery charge.

But it wasn't the first degree murder rap that brought down the thunder on Scott's head. It was the fact that he was even in prison in the first place. And, like Ali, who was tried in advance, Scott was stripped of his ranking by the WBA and the WBC, five full months before his murder conviction came down. Which is not to say he wasn't guilty; the jury found him so. But, under the American system of justice, he has the right to appeal. The same right as Ali, who, on appeal, was found to be not guilty. But whether Ali was guilty or not made no never mind to the commissions; just as it made no difference to them with Scott.

At *Ring* we have stood steadfastly to one basic rule for the inclusion of boxers in our International Ratings: that they are worthy of consideration because of their records *in the ring*. For that reason we have not paid any attention to those who have tried to pressure us into not rating South African fighters, Black Muslim fighters, or any others. Now we have begun to receive mail from those who do not wish to see James Scott ranked. One of those came from the desk of Ben Greene, a columnist who writes "On the Fistic Scene." Mr. Greene writes—but not rights—"Are you planning to continue rating James Scott—'The Celebrated New Jersey inmate?' Yep, it was B.G. (Ben Greene, not Benny Goodman) who rapped him out of the WBA and WBC. How about you, the bossman of *Ring*?"

No, Mr. Greene, we will not cave in as did the WBC and the WBA, any more than *Ring* caved in to the then-powers-that-be and take Muhammad Ali out of our ratings while he was being written off by others. In point of fact, *The Ring* continued to recognized him as Heavyweight Champion while those towers of putty known as the WBA and the New York State Athletic Commission—as well as others—criminally defrocked him.

In the final analysis, the only way a man can lose his standing in *The Ring* ratings is through his inability to garner votes from the 50 tried-and-true panelists on *Ring's* International Ratings Panel, and not from pressure.

Will the *Ring* knuckle under to such pressure? The answer is "No". Leave that to the WBC and the WBA, whose initials, it has been suggested more than once, stand for "Craven" and "Abject Cowardice."

BERT R. SUGAR

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
3. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. John Holman, Chicago Ill.
5. Nino Valdes, Cuba
6. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
7. Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.
8. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
9. Young Jack Johnson, Los Angeles
10. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
1. Duilio Loi, Italy
2. Frankie Ryff, New York, N.Y.
3. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
4. Jimmy Carter, New York, N.Y.
5. Ludwig Lightburn, British Honduras
6. Cisco Andrade, Compton Calif.
7. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
8. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.
9. Don Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif.
10. Larry Boardman, Marlboro, Conn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
3. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
4. Chuck Speiser, Lansing, Mich.
5. Willi Hoepner, Germany
6. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
7. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Charles Colin, France
9. Ron Barton, England
10. Albert Finch, England

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Fred Galiana, Spain
2. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
4. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
5. Flash Elorde, Philippines
6. Ray Famechon, France
7. Martin Rodriguez, Cuba
8. Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
9. Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
10. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
2. Charley Humez, France
3. Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah
4. Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
5. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
6. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, Ohio
7. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
8. Artie Towne, New York, N.Y.
9. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
10. Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Mario D'Agata, Italy
2. Raton Macias, Mexico
3. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Andre Valignat, France
5. Emile Chemama, France
6. Little Cezar, Philippines
7. Jose Lopez, Laguna, Mexico
8. Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
9. Peter Keenan, Scotland
10. Piero Rollo, Italy

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
1. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
2. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Isaac Logart, Cuba
4. Vince Martinez, Patterson, N.J.
5. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
7. Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. George Barnes, Australia
9. Oscar Pita, Argentina
10. Emulio Marconi, Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Young Martin, Spain
2. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
3. Danny Kid, Philippines
4. Dai Dower, Wales
5. Tanny Campo, Philippines
6. Memo Diez, Mexico
7. Jake Tuli, South Africa
8. Oscar Suarez, Cuba
9. Guy Schatt, France
10. Hitoshi Misako, Japan

From the April, 1956 issue of *The Ring*.

GENUINE

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
4 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6 **Marty Monroe** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
9 **Bernardo Mercado** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Ken Norton** . . . . . Compton, Calif.
11. James (Quick) Tillis, 12. John Tate, 13. Osvaldo Ocasio, 14. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 15. Renaldo Snipes, 16. Scott LeDoux, 17. Stan Ward, 18. George Chaplin, 19. Tim Witherspoon, 20. Marvin Stinson, 21. John L. Gardner, 22. Pinklon Thomas, 23. Eddie Lopez, 24. Floyd (Jumbo) Cummings, 25. Jimmy Abbott

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . Phila., Pa.
1 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad*** . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 **Michael Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
3 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
5 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
6 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
7 **Yaqui Lopez** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
8 **Lotte Mwale** . . . . . Zambia
9 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
10 **Mustapha Wasajja,** . . . . . Denmark
11. Mike Rossman, 12. Murray Sutherland, 13. John Conteh, 14. Bashiru Ali, 15. Jerry Celestine, 16. Jesse Burnett, 17. Dwight Braxton, 18. Tony Mundine, 19. Hocine Tafer, 20. Louis Pergaud, 21. Vonzell Johnson, 22. Richie Kates, 23. Pete McIntyre, 24. Rudi Koopmans

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
2 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit
3 **Vito Antuofermo** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
6 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Ronnie Harris** . . . . . Canton, Ohio
10 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Ray Seales, 13. Mike Colbert, 14. Ernie Singletary, 15. Matteo Salvemini, 16. Ruben Pardo, 17. Marcos Geraldo, 18. Norberto Sabater, 19. Sammy NeSmith, 20. Chong-Pal Park, 21. William "Caveman" Lee, 22. Ralph Moncrief, 23. Loucif Hamani, 24. Jose Macias, 25. Frank Wissenbach

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AYUB KALULE* . . . . . Denmark
1 **Maurice Hope**** . . . . . England
2 **Kenny Bristol** . . . . . Guyana
3 **Rocky Mattioli** . . . . . Australia
4 **Rocky Mosley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
5 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
6 **Walter Gomez** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Tyrone Rackley** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
8 **O'Dell Leonard** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
9 **Nick Ortiz** . . . . . Puerto Rico
10 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
11. Tidashi Mihara, 12. Mario Maldonado, 13. Roger Leonard, 14. Tony Chiaverini, 15. Marijan Benes, 16. Zeferino Gonzalez, 17. Steve Delgado, 18. Babs McCarthy, 19. Charlie Weir, 20. Nino Gonzales, 21. Andoni Amana, 22. Ray Hammond, 23. Luigi Minchillo, 24. Clemente Tshinza, 25. Jerry Cheatham

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Wilfred Benitez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
5 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
6 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
7 **Adolfo Viruet** . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
8 **Jorgen Hansen** . . . . . Denmark
9 **Luis Primera** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Clint Jackson** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
11. Babs McCarthy, 12. Josef Nsubuga, 13. Harold Volbrecht, 14. Victor Martinez, 15. Larry Bonds, 16. Bruce Finch, 17. Pepe Dominguez, 18. Greg Stephens, 19. Milton McCrory, 20. Carlos Sanchez, 21. Mario Guillotti, 22. Tito Yanni, 23. Luis Resto, 24. Alfredo Lucero

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . Zaire
3 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana
4 **Sang-Hyun Kim** . . . . . Korea
5 **Domingo Ayala** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
8 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.
9 **Bruce Curry** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Monroe Brooks** . . . . . Los Angeles Calif.
11. Sal Lopez, 12. Teo Ozuna, 13. Roberto Alfaro, 14. Jeff Malcolm, 15. Mark Ibanez, 16. Jorge Morales, 17. Hugo Luero, 18. Maurice (Termite) Watkins, 19. Esteban DeJesus, 20. Juan Jose Gimenez, 21. Cristobal Torres, 22. Obisia Nwankpa, 23. Arseneo Green, 24. Thomas Americo, 25. Guiseppe Martinese, 26. Jose Salazar, 27. Hugo Quartapelle

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(AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 1981)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)
***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT (Unrecognized by The Ring)
1 **Hilmer Kenty*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Jim Watt**** . . . . . Scotland
3 **Alexis Arguello** . . . . . Coral Gables, Fla.
4 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Sean O'Grady** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
8 **Vilomar Fernandez** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
10 **Edwin Viruet** . . . . . Puerto Rico
11. Ernesto Espana, 12. Gonzallo Montellano, 13. Herman Montes, 14. Johnny Lira, 15. Andy Ganigan, 16. Cocoa Sanchez, 17. Cornelius-Boza Edwards, 18. Julio Valdes, 19. Jorge Morales, 20. Ralph Aviles, 21. Jose Luis Ramirez, 22. Charlie Nash, 23. Francisco Leon, 24. Leonidas Asprilla, 25. Ken Buchanan

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

YASUTSUNE UEHARA* . . . . . Japan
1 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Samuel Serrano** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
4 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
6 **Victor Echegaray** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Frankie Baltazar** . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
8 **Greg Coverson** . . . . . Kalamazoo, Mich.
9 **Leonel Hernandez** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Ruben Riani** . . . . . Argentina
11. Enrique Maxwell, 12. Rolando Navarette, 13. Johnny Aba, 14. Oscar Arnal, 15. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 16. Carlos Pinango, 17. Il-Bok Lee, 18. John Verderosa, 19. Robert Mullens, 20. Guillermo Morales, 21. Armando Perez, 22. Rubén Veliz, 23. Armando Perez, 24. Evans Gwiji, 25. Reynaldo Hidalgo

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Roberto Castanon** . . . . . Spain
6 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
7 **Noel Arriesgado** . . . . . Honolulu
8 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9 **Francisco Manzo** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia
11. Gustavo Salgado, 12. Johnny Sato, 13. Mario Miranda, 14. Juan Malvarez, 15. Pat Cowdell, 16. Luis Avila, 17. Juan Escobar, 18. Alberto Collazo, 19. Guillermo Morales, 20. Royal Kobayashi, 21. Hiraku Tomonari, 22. Freddie Roach, 23. Gilberto Acuna, 24. Cesar Ligan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
4 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
6 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea
7 **Carmelo Negron** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
10 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
11. Carlos Mendoza, 12. Jose Cervantes, 13. Derrik Holmes, 14. Jaime Garza, 15. Baba Jimenez, 16. Juan Antonio Lopez, 17. Ric Diamale, 18. Hurricane Teru, 19. Shuchi Isogami, 20. Javier Flores, 21. Julio Soto Solano, 22. Jesus Caicedo

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Jorge Lujan** . . . . . Panama
5 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Norberto Cabrera** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Chol Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea
11. Carlos Bejarano, 12. Rafael Orono, 13. Shuchi Isogami, 14. Ronald Sumalis, 15. Ricardo Bennett, 16. Johnny Carter, 17. Jose Uziga, 18. Julio Saba, 19. Ramon Soria, 20. Weilie Nkosinkula, 21. Takeshi Uezo

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SHOJI OGUMA** . . . . . Japan
1 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
2 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
3 **Peter Mathebula*** . . . . . South Africa
4 **Betulio Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Miguel Canto** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Willie Jensen** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
7 **Luis Ibarra** . . . . . Panama
8 **Guty Espadas** . . . . . Mexico
9 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
10 **Chan-Hee Park** . . . . . Korea
11. Joey Olivo, 12. Gustavo Ballas, 13. Orlando Maldonado, 14. Pedro Flores, 15. German Torres, 16. Tae-Shik Kim, 17. Jovito Rengifo, 18. Candido Tellez, 19. Antonio Avelar, 20. Stephen Muchoki, 21. Prudencio Cardona, 22. Shigeo Nakajima, 23. Yong-Hyun Kim, 24. Miguel Iriarte

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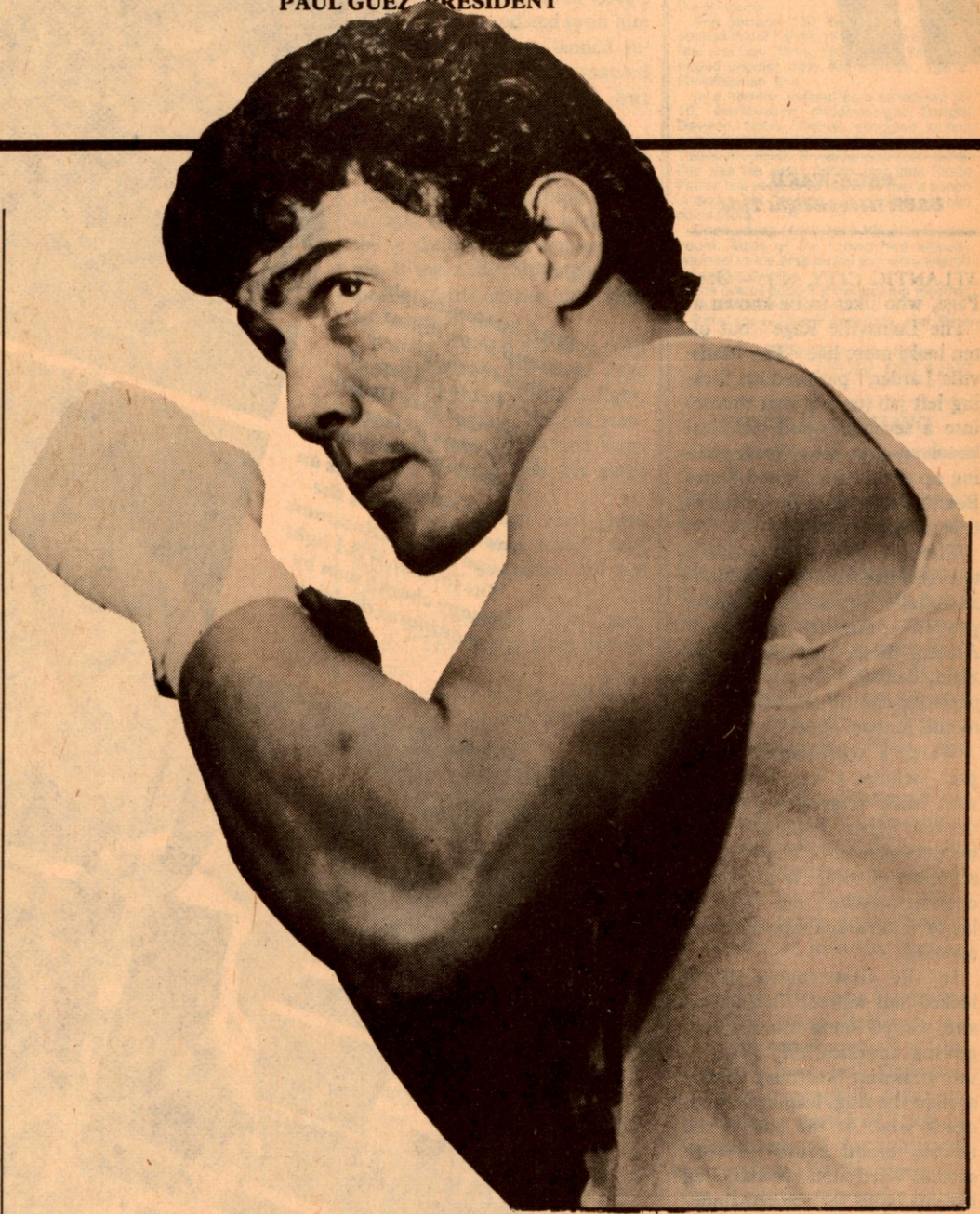


HAMSHO—PARKER

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Mustafa Hamsho, 160, won a controversial split decision over Curtis Parker, 161, at Bally's Park Place Hotel.

Hamsho, ranked second by the WBC, was smiling through the first two rounds, but the smile disappeared with the illusion that Parker would provide him with an easy victory. Parker, who is rated fifth by the WBC, had trained for the meeting by sparring with lefthand boxers while continuing his schoolwork at night.

Hamsho started the war by trying to keep Parker off with a steady left jab. But Parker's training paid off, as he found himself able to score his rights into the Syrian's face and body. Hamsho's tactics were to lean on his opponent whenever he was in any danger and this strategy worked well, gaining him the lead in the early rounds.

By the fifth round, Parker's punishment had begun to slow Mustafa and the Philadelphia fighter was getting through more consistently. In the seventh, Hamsho was rocked by a right to the jaw and appeared to be in trouble. Parker, however, was unable to capitalize and ended the round with a cut over his left eye. Both men were visibly tired during the last two frames, though they continued to swing heavily, looking for the one solid punch which would mean certain victory. Neither man could find it.

Referee Vincent Rainone scored the contest 5-4-1 in Hamsho's favor as did Judge Charles Spina. The third judge recorded it 7-3, but in Parker's favor. Parker was vocally disappointed, feeling that Mustafa had been relatively ineffective. "It was a close fight. I thought I came on strong."

Hamsho, who complained that he was suffering the ill of a cold, said that he'd hurt Parker in the second round with a shot to the belly and had opened the cut with a right hook. When asked about the smile—which faded after the second round—he said: "All the time I like to smile. Everybody says, 'You have nice teeth' ".

Hamsho's record is now 32-1-1. Parker is 17-2.

Mike Fisher, 177, outpointed Ramon Ranquillo, 183, eight. Bashiru Ali, 180, outscored Reggie Patrick, 177, six. Felix Thauriaux, 138, kayoed Martin Parham, also 138, in six. Bruce Williams, 137, TKO'd Lyndon Denny, 138, in six.

Four-rounders: Dwight Walker, 160, and Jamal Arbubakrr, also 160, drew. Johnny Marrone, 147, TKO'd Sal Travella, 146, in the first round. Danny Perez, 169½, TKO'd Carlos Smith, 169, in two. Tim Daniels, 125, outpointed Bobby Lee Hunter, 128.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

RICHARD H. CHUDNOFF

RINGSIDE REPORTS

PAGE-WARD
USBA Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. – Greg Page, who likes to be known as "The Louisville Rage" but often looks more like "The Louisville Larder," parlayed his flicking left jab (or was that thumb) into a seventh round technical knockout over Stan Ward, picking up the vacant United States Boxing Association heavyweight title along the way.

The scheduled-12 rounder, televised live from Resorts International's Superstar Theatre, proved a number of things. Among them, that the gloved hand, delivered rapidly and repeatedly, can do devilish things to the human optic.

Ward, a semi-name, whose past includes a win and a loss with Mike Weaver, is probably the best fighter Page has met in his unbeaten 14-bouts career (13 stoppages). Stan is a wicked counter-puncher, but tends to lay back too much waiting for an opening.

In the first round, Ward looked and waited, then looked and waited some more, never getting anything off. Page, in the meantime was busy flitting around the ring, leaping in with quick jabs. At the end of the round, blood could be seen around Ward's left eye and Greg had his target for the remainder of the afternoon.

Ward 232¼, landed one good counter right in the second, but the round was close, as Page kept jabbing at the injured eye.

Then it happened in the third. Page was moving in and out, when Ward timed Greg's bounce and connected with a stunning right to the jaw. The force of the punch lifted Greg's feet off the ground and spun him into the ropes. Stan landed another middling right, mauled Page along the ropes, but couldn't finish him off.

A wiff of smelling salts got Page out for the fourth. He flurried with Ward, catching another right shortly before both men fell to the boards in a messy tangle. It was a slip, although Ward looked a little shaken after Page fell on top of him.

Ward's eye was swelling with each jab and, by the sixth, Page was starting to control the fight. Ward was having obvious trouble seeing and referee Paul Venti warned Greg to keep his glove closed.

"I didn't use an open glove and I didn't slap him," said Page. Ward, of course, did not agree.

"I got thumbed early," said Stan. "That's why I got double vision."

The seventh was another good round for Page and, following a look see by the doctor, it was decided by all that it would be best for Ward not to go out for the eight. Under New Jersey rules it will be recorded as a seventh round TKO.

Larry Holmes, who made his ringside presence loudly felt throughout the card, had these observation about the winner: "Page is 20 years away from a fight with me, but I think he will be champ after I leave. He ranks along with Mike Dokes, Gerry Cooney and Leon Spinks."

Holmes' sparring partner, Marvin Stinson, lost his unbeaten tag to fellow Philadelphian Timmy Witherspoon in a hard fought, but hardly inspiring, 10-rounder.

Stinson, 216¼, had no trouble hitting his inexperienced opponent. The trouble was that Marvin's punches landed with all the impact of a soggy doughnut. On-the-other-hand, when Witherspoon, 208¼, connected, the blows rocked Stinson's head back and looked quite impressive, although they never did much harm.

"I took the fight on just two weeks notice, said Witherspoon. "If I had longer, I would have stopped him." He might be right. Timmy seemed a little short on wind and sometimes eased off when he had Stinson under heavy attack.

The scores were 6-3-1, 6-4, and 6-2-2, all for Witherspoon. All-in-all, a solid win for the youngster.

Larry's brother, Mark Holmes, squeaked home a narrow winner over Philly's Buster Drayton in a lively six. Holmes, 157½, put on the pressure.

Ben Serrano, 160, Warminster, Pa., outpointed Viorel Fanea, 154¾, White Plains, in four and Carl Tillery, 188½, New York City, edged popular loser Kid Samson, 188½, Philadelphian, four.

In a horrible walkout bout scheduled for 10, world-rated middleweight Dwight Davison, 164½, Detroit, struggled to halt pathetic Clifford Willis, 161, Cincinnati, in 1:59 of the eighth. It was hard to believe that this was the same fighter that beat Curtis Parker last year. Wills never landed a punch in anger, but Davison just couldn't get him out of there.

Finally, body blows sank Wills for the full count. Most of the crowd had already returned to the crap tables and were spared the crap in the ring.

The overall decent show was put together by Butch Lewis for CBS-TV.

Referees—John Fitzpatrick and Paul Venti.

Judges—Milo Savage and Eva Shain.

NIGEL COLLINS

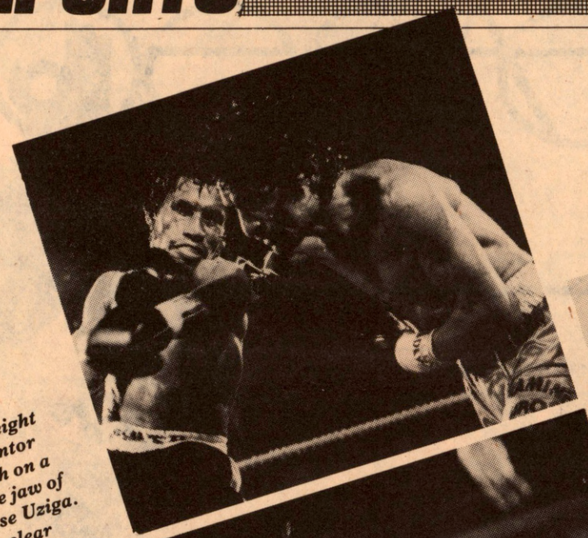
ROSSMAN-CAPUANO

CHICAGO, ILL.—Mike Rossman stood near center ring and observed the capacity crowd in Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel. Some were taunting him, but a few cheered him for his convincing 10-round victory over local hero Luke Capuano. As he looked around at the charged scene he said softly, as if to no one in particular, "Bye, bye Chicago."

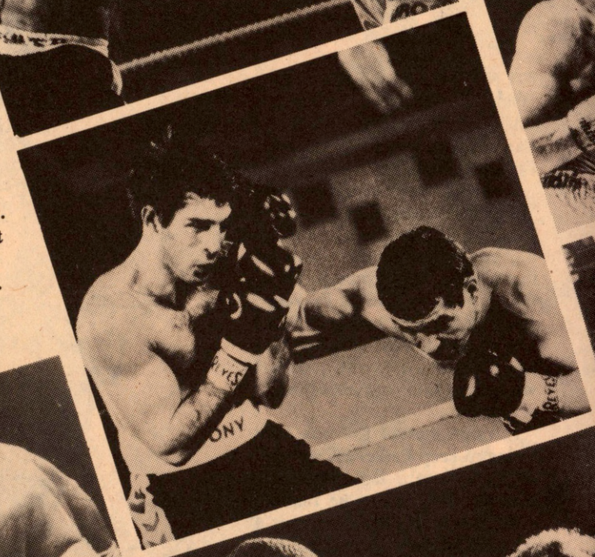
Rossman, the former WBA light heavyweight champion, had twice come to Chicago and defeated Capuano in spirited and tough brawls, and he wanted no part of the Windy City in the future—at least the near future.

The first visit came November 13, 1980, when Rossman followed the comeback trail to Chicago for a bout with Capuano, an explosive punching club fighter. Before a crowd of 7,600 in the International Amphitheatre and a national ESPN cable audience, Rossman survived a bruising 10-round battle and escaped with a split decision.

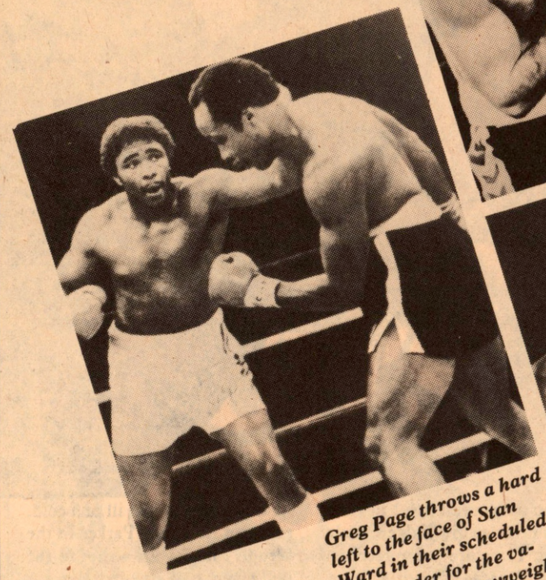
Despite the tough fight and a decision that Rossman contended was "judged too close," Top Rank and local promoter Ernie Terrell lured him back to Chicago in February for a rematch. The bait was a $60,000 purse and national exposure on CBS'



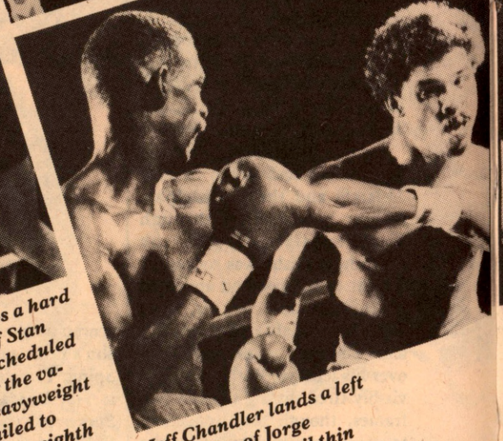
WBC bantamweight champ Lupe Pintor follows through on a hard left to the jaw of challenger Jose Uziga. Pintor won a clear unanimous decision.



Luke Capuano lands an overhand right to the head of Mike Rossman. The former WBA light heavy champ won by unanimous decision.



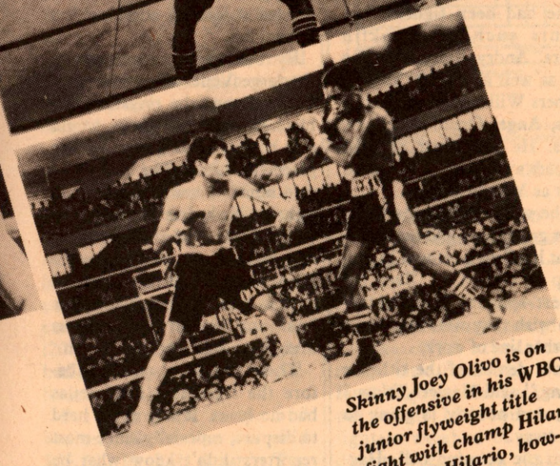
Greg Page throws a hard left to the face of Stan Ward in their scheduled 12-rounder for the vacant USBA heavyweight title. Ward failed to come out for the eighth session.



Jeff Chandler lands a left to the jaw of Jorge Lujan. The pencil thin Chandler won via unanimous decision to retain his world bantamweight title.

World flyweight champion Shoji Oguma and ex-champ Chan-Hee Park exchange blows in the ninth round of their title fight in Tokyo. Oguma won a majority decision. It was their third meeting.

Marvin Hagler has Fulgencio Obel on the ropes in their world middleweight title bout in Boston. Hagler retained his title by a kayo in the eighth.



Skinny Joey Olivo is on the offensive in his WBC junior flyweight title fight with champ Hilario Zapata. Hilario, however, gave Joey a beating, and won via TKO.

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For Rossman, still only 24, there is ample time to work his way back to a title shot and a chance to again win the championship he took from Victor Galindez back in 1978 and lost in 1979. But a knockout loss to Ramon Ronquillo in 1979 and the near escape against Capuano last year led to speculation that he had slid back too far to be considered championship timber.

Rossman said he came to Chicago "only because they are paying me more for the rematch," but many felt he needed to erase the doubts raised by the close call against Capuano.

When the talking stopped, and the fighting started, Capuano's hopes of an upset and a chance for top ranking quickly faded. Either a Rossman right hand, or an accidental butt, opened a gash over Capuano's left eye. Rossman claimed it was "a real good right hand." Capuano contended, "We were together in the corner and our heads accidently clashed. I felt the blood, and at first I didn't know if it was his or mine."

Despite the effective work on the cut by Syd Martin, it clearly bothered Luke. Rossman, boxing smartly and counter punching the advancing Capuano, breezed through the first four rounds, winning them convincingly.

The fourth was his biggest, and he used a strong lead right hand to rock Luke several times. In each case, Rossman would spin off the ropes and catch Capuano with the right. "I have fought the king of the ruffians, Victor Galindez," Rossman said after the fight, "and I was able to handle him on the ropes, so it didn't bother me when Luke got me there. I used my experience, and when I got him in the center of the ring, I really had him."

Indeed, the pattern was the same until the latter portion of the fifth round, when Capuano pinned Rossman against the ropes and rocked him with a big overhand right. Capuano worked him over for nearly 30 seconds, ripping uppercuts and left hooks. The Chicago crowd went wild and Cupuano gave it all he had in an attempt to knock Rossman out. But Mike withstood that fury, and later would even claim he was not seriously hurt.

For Capuano, it was his last serious rally in the fight. "I went for broke in the fifth," Luke said. "I got a little winded from that. I threw my best stuff then. I knew late that I would have to get him on the ropes and knock him out to win. Being the smart and experienced fighter he is, he wouldn't let me do that."

Finishing big, just as he did in their first fight, Rossman battered the fatigued Capuano in the final three rounds. That impressive show-closing provided the judges with an easy task. All three scored the fight 48-43 for Rossman.

Rossman raised his record to 40-6-3 and won a victory convincing enough for him not to have to engage in any more wars with Capuano—in Chicago or anywhere else. Whether he proved himself again ready for the top light heavyweights is another story. Even he may have some doubts. In his dressing room, with an ugly welt under his left eye, he sat drinking beer and answering reporters' questions. The inevitable, "Are you ready for a title shot?" came quickly. Rossman paused for a long while, and finally responded, "I don't know. I'll just go back to the gym for the next fight, and see what happens."

For Capuano, now 20-4, there may be no next fight. He has talked of taking his $30,000 and retiring. "I had my shots against one of the best—a former champion. Maybe I should do other things now. I'll decide later. Now, I just want to rest." After two wars with an apparently rejuvenated Mike Rossman, he has earned it.

Young Chicago heavyweight Alfonzo Ratliff, 193, pushed his unbeaten record to 6-0 with a second round knockout of Stanley Johnson, 197, Milwaukee.

Robbie Williams, 197, Durban, South Africa, surprised Chicagoan Robert McFarland, 184, with a big overhand right and knocked him out in 2:42 of the first round. McFarland, 7-4, had been giving Williams a boxing lesson until the big bomb landed. Williams is now 10-5.

Terry Whitaker, 139, upped his record to 6-0 by knocking out Dwayne Orr, 138, Cleveland, in 1:02 of the first round. The Chicagoan used a series of jabs to send Orr down and out.

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HAGLER-OBELMEJIAS
World Middleweight Title

BOSTON, MASS.—Marvin Hagler proved just how "Marvelous" a champion he is as he easily stopped unbeaten Venezuelan Fulgencio Obelmejias in the eighth round.

In this, his first defense since winning the undisputed crown from Alan Minter last September, Hagler was supposed to have been pushed to the limit of his pugilistic abilities. Obel came into the fight with a reputation that had become folklore back in his hometown of Caracas. He had won all 30 of his fights, knocking out or stopping all but two opponents. At nearly 6′ 2″, he was called "another Carlos Monzon" by many who had seen him fight. Off his record and lean, muscular body, the statement appeared to be true. But he had been fighting opponents such as Franklin Zuzarra, Andry Beerd, Rogelio Vera, as well as human leather-absorbers Willie Warren, Carlos Marks, Angel Ortiz, and Rudy Robles. He had never been in with such a talented, determined fighter as Marvin Hagler.

In the weeks before the fight, Hagler grew more and more irritable at his Provincetown Inn on the tip of Cape Cod. Even his toughest sparring partners began to wish they were employed in another line of work.

"I was denied of the title for too long," said Hagler. "Now I got it, and nobody is going to take it away."

From the opening bell, Hagler's words stood out almost as much as the shaven skull which gives him perhaps the meanest ring countenance owned by any champion.

In the first round, Obel attempted to keep his distance behind a long, snappy left jab. The southpaw champion, nearly five inches shorter, used the three minutes to size up his eventual first title defense victim. He shoulder feinted, bobbed up and down, picked off shots on his arms, easily slid inside and out and constantly moved his head so the crown on it wouldn't get knocked off. By the end of round one, he was ready to get down to serious business.

Whatever chance Obelmejias, 159½, had of winning the fight disappeared midway through the second round, as the challenger injured, or claimed he injured, his right hand after landing it against Hagler's muscular anatomy. The only punch seen by this reporter that could have seemingly injured the hand was a solid right hand dig to the champion's midsection—the best punch landed by Obelmejias all night.

Hagler, 159½, began zeroing in on Obelmejias' face in the third round with popping jabs and stiff left crosses. Obelmejias looked frustrated and puzzled throughout the round. His face exuded a look of anything but confidence.

By round four, it was apparent the large Venezuelan entourage that swarmed the ringside area, blocking reporters' views, would not be having a party on the plane ride home. The long plane ride home. Their gladiator was fighting back, but the terms on which he battled were anything but even. He'd land a shot to Hagler's head and take two hard ones in return. He'd miss with a hook and Hagler would spear him with a solid counter-punch.

There had been some talk before the fight that Obelmejias had no heart. It was a fact hard to dispute, especially since most reporters didn't know what he looked like, much less how he fought. The fact is, Fulgencio Obelmejias has heart. In abundance. After being rocked by a

Hagler combination in round five—a combination that appeared to carry enough explosives to level any other fighter—the Venezuelan fought back. His legs were quitting on him. His hand speed was quitting on him. His strength had quit and gone back to the dressing room. But Obelmejias' heart kept fighting.

In round six, Obelmejias took a dreadful pounding, finally hitting the canvas after a smashing left to the face. Mexican referee Octavio Meyran—the same Meyran to whom Roberto Duran had told "No Mas" to two months earlier—kept a watchful eye on Obelmejias, who had a hard enough task remaining upright on his own. Somehow, the tall Venezuelan survived the round.

Many in the crowd of 8,498 did not expect there to be a seventh round. Obelmejias sat slumped on his stool, his face showing the pain of both the beating he had gotten and the beating he would get if he continued to fight. His heart ruled, and he insisted upon continuing.

Hagler coasted in the seventh round, using the time to get his "second wind" and summon up the energy he'd need to finally finish off this ultra-game opponent.

"I decided this was it," said Hagler about the eighth round. "I didn't want it to go any further." It didn't.

This month's cover boy let fly with both hands. Obelmejias blocked the punches. With his head. With his face. With his chin. Finally, a left-right combination toppled the challenger into the ropes. Meyran, had seen enough. Obelmejias had taken enough. More than enough. At :20 of the round, Marvin Hagler had locked up his initial title defense. It had been easy.

For taking his lumps and bruises, Obelmejias was paid $25,000 by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., which promoted the fight. The challenger also received a cut of the television rights from Venezuelan TV. Hagler's end of the purse came to nearly $500,000.

Stylish Freddie Roach, 124½, Dedham, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Joe Phillips, 125, Pittsfield, Mass. Al Styles, Jr., 158, Philadelphia, decisioned Vineland, N.J.'s Mario Maldonado, 159, six. Robbie Simms, 154, Brockton, halted Bill Harrington, 159, Baltimore, in 1:55 of the second round. Davey Moore, 147, Bronx, beat Felix Nance, 144¾, Norwich, Conn., six. New York City's Eddie Campbell, 147½, kayoed Vineland's Robert Sawyer, 148, in two.

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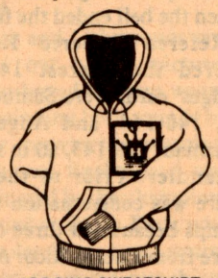

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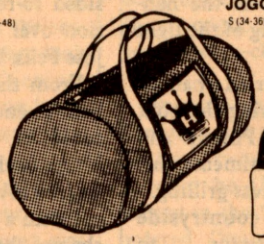

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PEDROZA-FORD
WBA Featherweight Title

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—Eusebio Pedroza completely dominated his scheduled 15-round title bout with Patrick Ford, Guyana, who was knocked out in the 13th round. Both fighters weighed in at 125¾, despite speculation that Ford would be unable to make the class limit of 126.

Pedroza, who had won the title by stopping Cecilio Lastra in 1978, outclassed Ford from the beginning. Pat, who had made an impressive showing against WBC champ Salvador Sanchez five months earlier, seemed unable to get started. Ford's jab, his best weapon, was not working, and he was not able to capatalize on his two-inch height advantage. Pedroza simply let the challenger wear himself out in the early sessions. At the end of each round, Eusebio would rush and score, taking the frame from a frustrated and outclassed challenger.

At the end of the 13th round, Ford fell to the canvas and was officially counted out at 3:08.

In an apparent reference to his countryman, Robert Duran, at ringside for the contest, Pedroza stated, "... I'm the best boxer Panama has today."

Some 16,000 spectators were present for the bout, which was televised in the U.S. by ABC.

Alfredo Paivas, 130¼, Venezuela, kayoed Reynaldo Hidalgo, 131¾, Panama, in 2:21 of the 10th and final round.

Alfonso Lopez, 110, Panama, TKO'd Luis Gonzalez, 109¾, Nicaragua, at 2:54 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Eric Perea, 146, Panama, won unanimous decision over Eddie Marcel, 147¼, Trinidad, 10.

Celso Chavez, 115, Panama, won unanimous decision over Alex Miranda, 113½, Panama, eight.

Justiniano Prado, 147¼, Panama, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over sub Rogelio W. Cousin, 144, Panama, four.

CHANDLER-LUJAN
World Bamtamweight Title

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Less than a week after a group of behemoths, known collectively as the Philadelphia Eagles, went down to dreary defeat in Super Bowl XV, Philly's sporting honor was salvaged by a whippet of a man who walks the streets of his hometown in relative anonymity. He is Jeff Chandler, the WBA bantamweight champion, who retained his title, and a measure of respect for the so-called City of Champions (we also have the Phillies and Matthew Saad Muhammad), with a unanimous 15-round decision over Jorge Lujan.

The match, carried live over CBS-TV, was held in the ultra-posh ballroom of the Franklin Plaza Hotel, the city's newest monument to glass and cement. The civilized setting did not, thankfully, effect the mood of the gladiators. They were fittingly antagonistic and, in the case of the Panamanian challenger, a bit nasty.

Lujan, a former champion and normally a lay-back counter-puncher with excellent stamina, decided that the road to regaining his old belt should be paved with clinches, mauls, and other assorted rough-house tactics. He may have been correct because at 118 pounds (Jorge may have fudged a tad at the scales) Lujan looked bigger and stronger. He hoped, in vain as it turned out, that his bulling and bullying would wear down the slender champ, who weighed only 113½.

Following a few pre-bell snarls and taunts from both sides of the

ring, Chandler boxed his way to a sparkling early lead. He stalked Lujan, hoping to lure him into a punchup. Jeff felt that his handspeed and pin-point punching would win any exchange, but the crafty challenger refused to be rushed into anything foolish.

Although Chandler was scoring, he was missing more than usual and seemed to be bothered by Lujan's awkward style.

"What frustrated me was Lujan ducking and putting his head up first," said Chandler. "He would stick his head in my face first and then throw a punch."

They both threw, and landed, some good blows in the sixth. Chandler landed several hard rights to the head that shook Lujan and, for a brief moment, he seemed to be in trouble.

"He wobbled a bit, but I don't think he was hurt all that bad," explained Jeff. "He is an opponent to be cautious of at all times. I didn't think he was ready to go."

It was also somewhere around the sixth that Chandler felt something go pop in his right hand.

"I hit him on top of the head. I couldn't hit him solid with my right after that. Not like I wanted to. Towards the end I went with my jab and left hook."

After surviving the rocky sixth, Lujan staged a rally in the seventh, eighth, and ninth. His shrewdly crude methods were designed to drain Chandler, and, for a few rounds, they seemed to be doing just that.

In the eighth, Jorge landed his best punch of the fight, a crackling overhand right to the face. Chandler blinked, paused momentarily, but showed no ill effects. He had absorbed Lujan's best and knew that, now, the fight was his.

From the 10th onward, Chandler dominated.

Television commentators are fond of calling the last third of a title fight the "Championship Rounds." Well, this time they were right. Except for the 14th, when Lujan made a last ditch effort, Joltin' Jeff pulled away like a thoroughbred during a Kentucky Derby stretch run.

Chandler darted in and out, scoring cleanly. Then he even found enough strength left in his injured right fist to nail Lujan with a number of telling blows during their exciting 15th round punchout. Jorge was reeling from a potent right to the chops when the bell ended the fight.

Referee Roberto Ramirez scored the contest 146-142. Judges' cards were Samuel Conde, 146-143, and Angel Luis Guzman, 148-143, all in favor of Chandler. Prior to the bout, there was consternation in both camps because all three officials were from Puerto Rico. All fears proved groundless, as the handling and the scoring of the fight was excellent.

Chandler fans carried a banner into the ring following the bout that read, "We want Pintor," and Jeff echoed their sentiments during the post-fight press grilling.

"I'll comb the countryside looking for Lupe Pintor . . . to unify the title. The people in Mexico call him champ. I want them to recognize me as bantamweight champion. Nobody else."

The card held the dubious honor of being perhaps the last Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, Inc. *almost* promoted. Originally, MAPS was co-promoter along with J. Russell Peltz. When the scandal, involving embezzlement, disappearances, and other intriguing goodies, surfaced hours before the match, CBS forced Peltz to take over the entire promotion. He did, and all went well, as television money paid the purses for Chandler ($70,000) and Lujan ($20,000).

Mike Picciotti, 146, Ridley Township, Pa., highlighted the undercard with a TKO over Richard House, 148, St. Louis, in 1:35 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

In other prelim action Lindell Holmes, 164, Detroit, TKO'd New Yorker Ferman Guzman, 163, in 1:27 of the eighth. Jimmie Sykes, West Phila., decisioned fellow middleweight James Macey, South Phila., six. Ken Carpenter, Upper Darby, scored a fifth round TKO over Mike Brown, Phila., in a featherweight match scheduled for six. Fred Reyes. 138½, Phila., decisioned Paul Moore, 138, Phila., four. Attendance — 2,000.

NIGEL COLLINS

PINTOR-UZIGA
WBC Bantamweight Title

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Most boxing fans have heard how WBC bantamweight champ Guadalupe (Lupe) Pintor sold homemade ice cream on the streets of Mexico as a youth, but the fierce countenance and aggressive offense he exhibits in the ring make him anything but the Good Humor man.

His sixth title defense, which took place before some 6,800 paying customers in downtown Houston's Sam Houston Coliseum, saw Pintor pound out a lopsided 15-round unanimous decision over outclassed challenger Jose Felix Uziga of Buenos Aires.

From the opening bell to the bout's end, the contest—if it could be called that—featured Uziga backpedalling around the small (16½') ring and pawing out with a pitty-pat left jab. The champ chased Jose and scored, seemingly, at will with a jab-and-hook combination and with right hand counterpunches to the head. The only offense shown by Jose was a series of paint brush-like left jabs in round three and a wild, amateurish haymaker right which caught the onrushing Pintor in the mouth midway through round nine.

Many of Pintor's fans seemed disappointed in his inability to stop Uziga. Despite having him ready to go down in rounds five, 10, 11 and 13, Lupe was never able to finish his man. Something like that might prove critical against a higher class of opponent.

The final scorecards of the judges, all of whom are from Dallas, were as follows: Arlen D. (Spider) Bynum, 148-139; Dick Cole, 148-136; Steve Crossen, 150-128; all, of course, for Pintor. Under WBC regulations, referee Chris Jordan of Houston didn't score the contest.

This was one of those so-called "optional" defenses allowed its champions by the WBC. Uziga, the ninth ranked WBC challenger (#17 according to *The Ring* International Panel), shouldn't have really been expected to give an experienced, highly regarded champ like Pintor any real competition.

In a fiercely fought local "grudge bout," veteran Tony Sanchez, 135, TKO'd Billy Watkins, Jr., also 135, at 1:05 of the seventh. The ringside physician, Dr. Vic Delgado, ruled Watkins unable to continue due to a cut and swollen left eye. Sanchez is now 30-15; Watkins is 20-1. Spider Bynum, referee.

Francisco (Kiko) Bejines, Guadalajara, TKO'd Gilberto Villacana, Houston, bantamweights. The latter was unable to answer the bell for round three due to a severely lacerated right eyelid. Steve Crossen, referee.

Roosevelt Rico kayoed Arturo Munoz at 0:49 of round four in a scheduled six-rounder, junior lightweights. Robert Gonzales, referee.

World ranking junior featherweight Carlos Mendoza, Panama, halted oft-defeated Bobby Flores, San Antonio, at 1:58 of round two in a pitiful mismatch. Mark Tessman, referee.

A walk-out (many fans did, as it was almost as boring as the main event) contest saw Raul Valdez, Mexico City, win a unanimous decision over local youngster Luis (Pony) Jiminez, 10, flyweights. Dick Cole, referee.

Preliminary judges—Bob Martin, Bill Yeager.

Timekeeper—Virgil Reichardt.

Knockdown timer—W.W. (Woody) Meyers.

C.A. JACKSON

KIM—ORONO
WBC Super Flyweight Title

SAN CRISTOBAL, VENEZUELA — Rafael Orono, 115, lost his WBC super flyweight (115-pound weight limit) crown to South Korea's Chul-Ho Kim, 115¼. Kim, unknown outside the Orient, thus became the second champion in a division that sprung full blown from the head of WBC Tsar Jose Sulaiman.

Kim won the fight—and the title—on the strength of a single left-hand blow to Orono's midsection. Up to that point, Rafael had been thrashing Chul-Ho around the ring, scoring heavily and, seemingly, at will. Then, without warning, a single blow felled the previously unbeaten champion for the count in the 13th. The crowd of 12,000 partisan spectators were stunned.

Orono, claiming he'd been fouled, demanded an immediate rematch. The Venezuelan now sports a 13-1-1 record. It was his

fourth title defense.

Kim, who had never before beaten a boxer of any prominence, claims a record of 17-2. Despite the mediocrity of the contest, it must be recorded as a major upset—albeit in a class no one seems to care about.

OGUMA-PARK
World Flyweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN — Wearing cuts over both eyebrows from the third round on, Japanese southpaw Shoji Oguma, 112, retained his WBC world flyweight title with a majority (but popular) decision over former champ Chan-Hee Park, also 122, Korea, after 15 rounds of bloody fighting at Korakuen Hall.

The four-official system was used for the first time in Japan. Rudy Ortega (San Francisco) didn't score the fight, and the three judges were Charles Hassett (Los Angeles), Duane Ford (Las Vegas), and Harold Buck (Las Vegas). All, of course, were from neutral America, which took away the chances of national favoritism. Oguma's split decision over Park on October 18 had caused a flood of protest.

This was the third meeting between Oguma and Park. Their first, on May 18, 1980, saw Oguma win the title with an upset ninth round stoppage of Park, who had been undefeated in the pro ranks.

Their second meeting, in Sendai, Japan, resulted in a decision for Oguma that made the World Boxing Council, at its Annual Convention in Mexico, order them to meet again.

The hard hitting Park, about an inch shorter than the 5′ 4″ Oguma, aggressively attacked in the first stanza. Chan-Hee's powerful two-fisted onslaught shook the nervous Shoji up repeatedly, but the champ weathered the storm. Park has been known for starting rapidly and then running out of gas in the later rounds.

The second frame saw Park stalking Oguma, who managed to counterpunch enough to take the session by a narrow margin.

Oguma suffered gashes over both eyes in the third round, and the blood came pouring down. The cuts were caused by a collision of heads, and the round itself was about even. Park threw plenty of roundhouses blows and Oguma counterpunched with short left hands. Both fighters missed a lot of punches.

Park won the fourth round clearly. He scored repeatedly with left hooks following straight rights to the champion's face. Oguma tried to keep circling to his right, but this strategy was only half successful. Shoji was still profusely bleeding, especially from the gash over his right eyebrow.

Oguma slipped twice in the fifth round, but he won the session clearly. Referee Ortega took a big towel from Oguma's corner in the middle of the round and wiped the canvas. It was slippery.

The sixth stanza was all Park. He looked sharp and sent home solid combinations. Oguma was a bloody mess, but he gave Park a nosebleed with a few sporadic punches.

Oguma opened a cut on Park's head (just over the temple) in the eight round. It was Shoji's session. By now, Park's bleeding was as bad as Oguma's and the tide turned in the lefty's favor. (The U.S. officials gave almost all the later rounds to Shjio.)

Park's stalking footwork stopped, while Oguma kept on moving to his left (*not* his right!), outmaneuvering the fading ex-champ in the 10th round. Two judges gave the session to Oguma, but the frame looked almost even. Shoji's superior ring generalship may have given him the edge.

The 10th round saw Oguma go to Park's midsection with solid shots. The body has been Park's most most vulnerable point, and Shoji took the session clearly. They were both still streaming blood—Oguma from over the eyebrows and Park from the head. Chan-Hee's blood poured down the left side of his neck, and both fighters' trunks were covered with crimson.

Oguma had Park retreating in the 11th round, as he continued working to the body. Shoji's best round was the 12th, when he connected with solid body shots that doubled Park up and had him on the verge of a knockout. Oguma was definitely in command.

The 13th and 14th rounds saw Park fade out of the picture. Oguma outboxed the arm weary Korean, winning both rounds by small but convincing margins. The 15th and final round was also dominated bt the champion. Oguma tried to finish Park, who was completely out of steam. With more precision punching, Shomi might have dropped the breathless ex-champ. It was really war.

Oguma's manager, Sinchiro Kimura, was jubilant. "After my boy's two bouts with Park, I believed he (Park) would lose energy in the later rounds. So I ordered Oguma to aim at his midsection with all his power." Oguma, his face streaked with blood, said that he wanted to knock Park out this time "to show my title winning kayo over him was not a fluke."

"I knew my body attacks weakened him effiectively," continued Shoji. "I fought my fight."

Won-Bok Lee, acting manager of Chan-Hee, answered questions from the many journalists at ringside. "Our strategy," he said, "was to finish the champ, if possible, by the eight round. But it was in vain. The difference was in their stamina. Park's legs went earlier than Oguma's. This time, he (Chan-Hee) was a clear loser."

The 29-year-old Oguma is now 36-8-1 with 20 kayoes. Park, six years his junior, is 15-3-2 with seven knockouts. The Korean was reportedly scheduled to serve in the army for three years after this setback.

The scoring of the judges was as follows: Hassett, 144-141; Ford, 145-140; Buck, 143-143.

Gen Tosa, 130½, ran his record to 10-0 with four kayoes with a unanimous decision over taller Kojiro Sasaki, 129¾, eight. Scoring: referee Shoichi Uchida, 80-73; judge Takeo Ugo, 80-75; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 80-75. Tosa, a southpaw, in the Japanese Boxing Commission's top rated junior lightweight. Sasaki is now 13-11-6 with four knockouts.

Lanky Koji Kobayashi, 114¾, the JBC's fifth ranked flyweight, floored Fujimi Wada, also 114¾, twice and scored a knockout in 0:59 of the second round in a scheduled eight. The ref was Hiroyuki Texaki. Kobayashi is now 11-1-2 with seven kyoes.

Hikaru Tomonari, the WBA's fifth ranked junior lightweight and a stablemate of Oguma, boxed an exhibition with Kazuaki Yukawa, his 39-year-old clubmate.

Four-rounders: Toshimi Fujiwara, 122, won a unanimous decision over Kenzo Ishibaashi, 121¾. Shoichi Nozawa, 118, stopped Hidetake Kobayashi, 117¼, in 2:30 of the first round in the curtain raiser.

Co-promoted by Shin-Nippon Kimura and Misako Promotions.

Attendance—3,200.

Nationally telecast through Fuji TV.

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

ZAPATA—OLIVO
WBC Junior Flyweight Title

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—WBC junior flyweight champ Hilario Zapata, 107¾, held onto his crown by virtue of a TKO over American challenger Joe Olivio, 106½. Joey was unable to continue after 13 rounds.

The 22-year-old Zapata had inflicted constant punishment on Olivio, 23. The challenger's face was marred with lumps, and the champ was cut when the fighters butted heads in the fifth stanza.

Zapata had Olivo on the defensive from the beginning, throwing quick, stinging blows. Hilario was well ahead on points when the bout ended, the official scorecards reading 129-121, 127-121, and 129-120. The referee was Lorenzo Fortunato of Argentina.

Zapata's record is now 16-1; Oilvo is 26-2. It was the champ's fifth successful title defense.

Jorge Alvarado, 129½, Panama, TKO'd Julio Cesar Pinilla, 130, Panama, at 1:11 of the third round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Sergio del Cid, 122, Panama, halted Agustin Martinez, 123¼, Panama, at 0:30 of the second round in their scheduled 10.

Aquilino Asprilla, 124, Panama, TKO'd Ricardo Bennett, 120¾, Panama, in the eight round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

Bernardo Checa, 120, Panama, won unanimous decision over Jose Atencio, 120¼, four.

Humberto Sosa, 126, kayoed Marcial Bonilla, 123, in 2:58 of the fourth and final round.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

COLORADO

▲ DENVER — Tiatelolco Auditorium — Tim Lucero won a majority decision over Roosevelt Rico, 132, Houston, Texas, eight. Lucero is now 8-0.

Ronnie Cisneros, 114, won unanimous decision over Luis (Pony) Jimenez, 118, Houston, Texas, eight.

Micah True, 155, outpointed Sultan Saludin, 150.

Jose Herrera, 215, knocked out Sammy Williams, 208, in 1:00 of the second.

Colorado Recreation and Boxing Coaches Association.

CONNECTICUT

▲ HARTFORD — Civic Center Assembly Hall — Welterweight Marlon Starling sailed past the superstitious 13th figure on a string of unbeaten pro triumphs by outscoring Ruby (La Boa) Ortiz, 141, New York City, 10. Also responding to such nicknames as "Moochie" and the Magic Man, Marlon scaled 143½ in fulfilling a 144-pound pact; he hit around 148½ last time he fought.

The show drew a capacity crowd of 1,506 and a gate of $17,735.

Weight-making had no effect on Starling's performance. He controlled the duel against the sixth-ranked national junior welter. Referee Lou Bogash gave him an 11-point edge on Connecticut's five-point "must system" of scoring. The judges had him winning by lesser margins.

Striking at will with explosive clusters of miniature bombs to retain the respect of an outclassed foe, Starling turned to grimacing and taunting. His manager, trainer and counsellor, Atty. F. Mac Buckley, barked "stop clowning" from Marlon's corner. "Moochie" lazed away the ninth and closed with his best performance in the final round.

Manuel Melon, 158, New York, stopped Miguel Sanchez, 156, Bridgeport, in the fifth round of a slated six-frame semi-final. Staggered three times in the opener, Sanchez was badly shaken a fifth time by an outpouring of blows by Melon before referee Walt Longo halted it.

Chi Chi Hernandez, 148, Hartford, TKO'd Wilfredo Franco, also 148, Hamden, in the fifth round of a salted six. Hernandez dropped Franco once in each of the first three rounds, and ref Sal Maltempo stopped if after Chi Chi staggered 'Fredo in the fifth.

Manuel Dearce, 130, Hartford outscored Ronnie Perkins, 132, Springfield, Mass., in a four round show-stealer. Both were splotched to the waist, with blood oozing from injured noses. Billy White, 154, Bridgeport, outscored Al Mills, 143, Plainfield, N.J., four. Mike Blythe, 153, Boston, scored a knockdown enroute to a decision over Jackie Cowell, 151, Stratford, four.

▲ WEST HARTFORD — Stage West — The slugger prevailed over a nimble boxer as Hartford's Papo Figueroa, 141, outscored sub Derick Cuttino, 139, Paterson, N.J., in an eight-rounder in which the area junior welter upped his record to 14-1-2.

Papo was too strong, as he waded through his shifty foe's boxing to gain a clean sweep on Referee Walt Longo's card. *The Ring* had it 8-1-1, Cuttino being stung into a rally that evened the fifth and won the sixth with jabs spearing his tormentor. A slim crowd of 500 turned out on an icy night.

Muhammad Shabazz, 162, Hartford, romped to a TKO victory in four over outgunned Robert Thomas, 157, Bridgeport. Referee Sal Maltempo halted the uneven match midway in the slated eight.

Unbeaten Marcus Jackson 176, Hartford raised his mark to 5-0 with a TKO in 2:18 of the first after dropping reluctant Ralph Bell, 170, Philadelphia, three times with left hooks in another slated eight.

Danny Benitez, 134, Springfield, swept the last two of a six-round bout to gain a split decision over Rafael Lopez, 133, Providence. Rafael apparently stunned Benitez when the latter dropped in the second, but ref Maltempo ruled it a slip.

Francisco Lopez, 125, Providence, scored a TKO with 42 seconds to go in the opening four when Ray Agar, 124, Hartford, pulled a Roberto Duran by turning his back to his foe and walking to his corner in surrender. Agar had scored over and under with hooks and right-hand shots in the second, but Lopez dropped him with a right to the side of the head in the third and took the heart out of him with solid rights in the fourth.

▲ HARTFORD — Civic Center Coliseum — A stunning upset struck the Sugar Ray Leonard fistic troup when brother Roger (The Dodger) Leonard was knocked out and beaten for the first time by an earlier victim in 36 seconds of the 10th and final round before a roused crowd of 3,000.

Mario Maldonado, 158½, Vineland, N.J., was trailing on points when he first drew fans to their feet with a rally in the ninth. It also brought Dr. Joseph G. Uricchio from ringside to examine Leonard's rapidly closing left eye. The ring physician again examined the eye before the 10 and again passed inspection.

Sugar Ray, sitting off the ring apron, climbed up and urged Roger's handlers to halt the duel. Outvoted, he was proven correct when Maldonado uncorked a right uppercut that clipped the now bleeding Roger on the jaw and dropped him to the deck. His cornermen stopped it despite the boxer's waved protest.

Roger, 154, Palmer Park, Md., had won all of his 14 previous fights, including a third—round kayo over Maldonado—scored in the latter's first pro bout—to achieve third ranking on WBA's junior middleweight list.

Sugar Ray had staged a six-round exhibition with cousin Odell Leonard on the card. *The Ring's* correspondent was the lone member of the news media to get into the Leonard dressing room, but he was ushered out, as neither of the Leonard brothers would speak to the press after Roger's loss.

Marlon (Mooch) Starling, 151, Hartford, disposed of loquacious Bruce Strauss, 148½, Omaha, Neb., with consummate despatch by knocking him out in 1:20 of the second round. In achieving his 14th win, the unbeaten welter displayed his peak ability with an outpouring of left hooks and occasional solid rights to the head from the opening bell. Stung by Strauss' derisive remarks at press conferences before the bout, Starling achieved his goal with a right uppercut that knocked his victim out.

Todd Longmuir, 136, born here within a golf drive of the Civic Center on the Trumbull Street side but boxing out of Westbury, L.I., was impressive in outscoring Ron Perkins, 135, Springfield, in a four. Todd's speed of hand beat his foe with counter-punching to boost his mark to 3-0.

Herb Darrity, 141, Hartford, struck Connie Bryant, 139, Newark, N.J., with a right cross on the nose for a first round kayo in a slated six.

Aaron Cadwell, 147, Palmer Park, Md., and a Sugar Ray stablemate, dropped Charlie Young, 151, Newark, three times before ref Walt Longo stopped the slated four in the third session.

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ MIAMI — Chris Dundee celebrated his 30th anniversary as a boxing promoter in Miami with a program worthy of the occasion. Mayor Murray Meyerson presented Dundee with a beautiful medal and called him, rightly, "Mr. Boxing."

In the main event, Clauzel "Beaver" Longmire, 146½, upped his record to 11-0 with nine kayoes by stopping Juan Hidalgo, 146, Dominican Republic, at 2:45 of the sixth round.

Longmire, who fights out of Belle Glade and is managed by Mark Ferioli, has proven himself to be Florida's top young talent. Hidalgo was floored for the first time in his career in round three. Juan went down again later in the same frame, and a third time in round five. Referee Bill Conners stopped the slaughter at 2:45 of the sixth.

Longmire, who has floored every man he's faced, is one of the hardest punching welters in the world. He's serving notice on the top contenders.

Leon McDonald, 174½, Ft. Lauderdale, won a shutout unanimous decision over Lee Royster, 178½, Ft. Lauderdale, 10.

Leroy Hester, 164½, Miami, stopped Costello King, 167, Ft. Lauderdale, in 1:37 of the fifth round in a scheduled six-rounder.

Reiner Hartman, 210, Germany, made his American debut by knocking out Lester Crosby, 208, in 0:45 of the first round.

Rolando Martinez, 125, Hialeah, won a split decision over John Walters, 126, Homestead, four.

Attendance—1,100.

▲ NORTH MIAMI BEACH — Sheraton Beach Resort Hotel Sports Arena — Chris Dundee teamed up with Tommy Torino and Roger Pinckney to open this new fight club and, judging by the efficient manner in which it was run, there are great doings ahead for fighters and ring fans alike.

The Arena, which seats about 850, was jam packed. As an added attraction, Angelo Dundee, the great manager and maker of world champions, was there with two new proteges—Reiner Hartman and Ian Clyde. Both boys won their matches.

The main event saw Anthony Collins, 134, Miami, turn in the most impressive performance in the show. He demolished Richie Duest, 133, Pensacola, in three rounds. Duest was not able to come out for round four of the scheduled six. Collins a former Golden Gloves champ, is now 6-0.

Reiner Hartman, 212, Germany, won a close decision over Charlie Allan, 206, Pensacola, six. Reiner suffered a cut over the left eye in the third round, and credit has to be given to Dundee's ability to keep the damage at a minimum. The crowd booed the decision. This would make a good return match.

A third scheduled six-rounder saw promising Kenny Wetstone, 155, Homestead, kayo Victor Randall, 149, Pensacola, in 1:58 of the second round. This was Kenny's seventh straight win as a pro, and he looked sharp. His manager, Joe LaGuardia, Jr., is the son of Joe LaGuardia, a good welterweight back in the 1940's.

Kenny's brother, flyweight Steve Whetstone, was scheduled to fight another six. It was cancelled when his opponent didn't show up.

Bill Medei, 160, Miami, outscored Jup Dehard, also 160, Miami, four.

Paul Murry, 175, Miami, kayoed Harald Dumps, 178, Homestead, in 0:55 of the first round.

Newcomer Ian Clyde, 111, Canada, looked like a comer in flattening Mario Offmello, 110, Miami, in 1:53 of the first round. This was also scheduled for four.

Eddie Eckhard and Bernie Soto shared the refereeing honors.

There was a very strong break in tradition attached to the opening of this new venture. "No Smoking" was allowed in the arena.

A very strong break in tradition saw "No Smoking" allowed in this, a fight club.

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲ HONOLULU — Blaisdell Center Arena — Rolando Navarrete, 130¼, Philippines (now boxing out of Honolulu), TKO'd Rocky Ramon, 128¼, San Antonio, Texas, at 0:47 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Navarrete looked very sharp. Making his first start since losing to Alexis Arguello nine months earlier, he scored two knockouts enroute to his win.

Edwin Alarcon, 131¾, Honolulu, won a split decision over Ronald Strode, 133¾, Honolulu, 10. The scores were 49-45, 47-46, and 46-49. It was a dull bout with lots of holding.

Four-rounders: Moses Halafuka, 181½, Honolulu, and Calvin Mobley, 184, Honolulu, drew. Marcellus "Pake" Dudoit, 202¼, Ewa, Oahu, won unanimous decision over Sefo Sefo, 176, Samoa (now boxing out of Honolulu). Jun Zulueta, 118¾, Honolulu, won unanimous duke over Cash Momohara, 122½, Honolulu.

Gordon Hanakahi, 138¼, TKO'd Rick Marquez, 137½, at 2:15 of the second in a scheduled three-rounder.

Bill Pacheco handled the 10-rounders. Manuel Tolentino refereed the prelims.

Judges—Edward Higa, Tamotsu Tomihara.

Timekeepers—Clarence Senarighi, Henry Perreira.

Physicians—Dr. Richard You, Dr. Herbert Nam.

Tad Kawamura Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—2,367.

INDIANA

▲ INDIANAPOLIS — Tyndall Armory — Former WBC and WBA light heavyweight champion Marvin Johnson, 176½, Indianapolis, TKO'd Eddie Straight, 175, Rockford, Illinois, at 1:10 of round one. Referee Mike DeFabis stopped the scheduled 10-rounder after ringside physician Dr. James Elkins inspected a deep gash over the Illinois fighter's left eye.

Few punches of consequence had been thrown before Johnson lashed out a couple of right jabs that brought a halt to this encounter. The former champion was not expected to have much trouble with Straight, but the crowd in this colorful old fight arena was disappointed at seeing their local hero display his craft for such a short period of time.

Marvin announced to his fans that he plans on fighting in Indy again in the near future.

The very good undercard more than made up for the brief main event.

In an action-packed four-rounder, Gary Brown, 139, Indianapolis, won a close decision over Jeff Gettemy, 134½, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mark Lemerick, 148, Anderson, Indiana, decisioned "Sweet" Charles Peterson, 154, Anderson, Indiana, in four non-stop rounds.

Marion "Tiger" Thomas, 143, Indianapolis, won a six-round decision over Ernesto Gonzalez, 137, Rockford, Illinois.

"Schoolboy" Jimmy Baker, 159, Austin, Indiana, fought a six-round draw against Jesse Abrahms, 159, Des Moines, Iowa. This excellent fight had the crowd on its feet several times. Baker, a high school senior, has become a crowd favorite.

Exciting Alvino Manson, 173, Indianapolis, decisioned a very game Johnny Cox, 169, Chicago, in six.

Popular Ric Enis, 194, Union City, Indiana, made short work of Scott Williams, 214, Chicago, with a knockout at 0:45 of round one.

Dr. John L. Fisher, an Indianapolis chiropractor, promoted this fine show. It was his first boxing promotion. Al Silva was the matchmaker.

Attendance—1,200 (est.). Gross—$13,500 (est.).

GARY L. MERRITT

MICHIGAN

▲ DETROIT — Michigan State Fairgrounds — Promoter Chuck Davis and his Champion Productions returned Michigan State Fairgrounds boxing to the Community Arts Building and were rewarded with a good turnout for their first set of bouts for 1981.

Headlining the card was unbeaten Detroit sensation Bernard (Superbad) Mays. His opponent, Morris Jordan, failed to show up, which would be understandable if he has seen Bernard in action, and in his place they sacrificed a fighter, and I use that term lightly, by the name Ponte Ortiz. At any rate, Mays dropped him easily in a one round knockout, bringing his record to 12-0.

In the co-feature bout, Detroit lightheavy Lem McLittle won his eighth bout without a loss in a rugged eight-round split decision over Toledo's Frank Draper. It was a close fight between two fighters of very different styles.

Welterweight Jerome Kinney unleashed a devistating blast that leveled Cincinnati's Darrell Holmes for far longer than the 10 count. The next bout had to be delayed for several minutes while the ringside physician attended Holmes in the dressing room. Kinney, who is now 5-0, is another Detroit welterweight built along the lines of Thomas Hearns— tall, lanky, and with plenty of power in his punches.

Andre Wynn brought his record up to 5-1 with a technical knockout over another Detroiter, Ken Dallas, when the fight was stopped on cuts. Andre is an excellent young fighter whose only loss was to DuJuan (Mr. Excitement) Johnson in only his fourth fight. We expect to see a lot more of this young welterweight prospect in the future.

In still another welterweight bout—and this one proved to be the most exciting one on the card—two Detroit area fighters squared off. "Smoking" Joe Lile emerged the victor over Earl Stringer with a three-round TKO when the bout was stopped because of cuts. The fight was highlighted by a non-stop second round that brought a standing ovation from the crowd. Lile is now 5-0.

The opening bout was a featherweight fight that had New Yorker Dell Graham winning a four-round decision over Detroit's Levat Williams.

▲ DETROIT — Cobo Hall — The Kronk Boxing Team continued their winning ways in the first All-Star Boxing promotion of the 1981 season. Promoter John Yopp succeeded in bringing in tougher competition to battle the Kronk fighters and also succeeded in drawing 4,960 fans.

In the first of the two featured bouts, welterweight Milton McCrory, with a record of only 9-0, meet the talented veteran, Mao De La Rosa, with a record of 48-8. De La Rasa had lost on a three-round TKO here in August of 1979, but had never been knocked down in his career. McCrory shocked Cobo Arena by knocking De La Rosa out cold in the first round with a tremendous left hook that came out of nowhere to turn the lights out. It was an incredible victory and brought his loss to 10-0. Watch this young man; he is a future world champion.

The very good middleweight from Melvindale, Mickey Goodwin, ran his record to 26-1 with a fourth round knockout over John Paul Simonetti of Miami. Goodwin knocked Simonetti down in the first round and then had to stalk him until he finally caught him in the corner in the fourth and dropped him. While Mickey had very little trouble with his opponent in the ring, it is obvious that his real opponent is his weight. (He came in overweight.)

An excellent lightweight bout had Kronk's Davey Lee Armstrong rebounding from a loss in his last outing to score a seven-round technical knockout over Daniel Riviera, Puerto Rico, when Riviera could not answer the bell. Armstrong's record is now 9-1 and Riviera's is 12-1.

Rick Jester, Kronk's lightheavy, scored an eight-round technical knockout over Miami's Leon McDonald when the fight was stopped on cuts. Jester knocked his opponent down once enroute to his 10th win in 12 outings.

Kronk heavyweight Tony Tucker had little trouble winning his fourth straight with a one round knockout over Columbus, Ohio, fighter Willie Ketts, decking him twice.

Also on the card was the professional debut of Biff Humphrey, winner of the Michigan Toughman Contest and runner-up in the National Toughman Contest. Humphrey knocked his opponent, Victor Wallace, Columbus, Ohio, down twice in the first round and then knocked him out in the second.

▲ DETROIT — Cobo Hall — Welterweight sensation Milton (The Iceman) McCrory, 148, did it again with his 11th straight knockout in 11 outings. This time, ring veteran Santiago Valdez, 18-7, who was his victim. The bout was stopped at 1:52 of the second round as Valdez 157½, hit the canvas for the third time in the round. What was disappointing was that Valdez was never hurt, but state regulations enforce the three knockdown rule. It was not a clean knockout, but there was little doubt that, had it continued, it would have only been a matter of time.

The real show stopper was the co-feature Michigan junior middleweight championship bout between David Braxton, 154, the current champion, undefeated in 10 bouts, and Kronk's Duane Thomas, 157, undefeated in nine. This had been a long brewing grudge match that had been scheduled a few times earlier and canceled at the last moment. It proved to be a real donneybrook, and continually had the fans on their feet. With the bad feelings on the surface, the referee had his hands full with both fighters. Three times, in the fifth, seventh, and the ninth, they continued to battle on after the bell rang. In the ninth, he actually had to throw them apart.

Thomas dominated the fifth round, and, at the end of the round, Braxton dropped him with a surprise shot that had him hanging on at the bell. In almost a reverse of that round, in the seventh, Braxton seemingly controled the session, only to be staggered by a Thomas left hook. Thomas received a standing eight count in the ninth, but then badly hurt Braxton after the bell had ended the round.

When the final bell rang, the judges had it 96-95 Thomas; 97-94, Braxton; and 95-93, Thomas, to give Duane a 10-0 record, a 10-round split decision, and the Michigan junior middleweight championship.

It proved to be a very unpopular decision. The fans littered the ring and a majority of the fans started up an uncalled for chant of "B—t!" Although I favored Thomas myself, I did score it 96-95, Braxton. It should prove for an excellent rematch, if it ever comes about.

In an eight-round heavyweight match, Ali Haakim, 11-0, posted an easy decision over Billy Radcliffe, Bay City, Michigan. Radcliffe, now 10-7, proved a game competitor. Even though he was outweighed by 38 pounds (223-185), the larger man was unable to put him away after knocking him down in the first and second rounds. Haakim is still sluggish and clumsy, but you can see a vast improvement in his style since he joined the Kronk Boxing Team.

WBA 10th ranked middleweight Bill (Caveman) Lee, 163, had very little trouble bringing his record to 16-2 with a solid knockout in 40 seconds of the first round over Jesse Lura, 24-9, San Antonio Texas.

Lightweight action saw Forrest Winchester, 133, Cincinati, brother of WBA world lightweight champion Hilmer Kenty and now fighting out of Kronk, score a three-round technical knockout over Robby Smith, San Antonio, Texas. The Winchester Rifle, as he is called by Kronk, is now 12-0-1. Smith is 13-4.

Rodney (The Rock) Trusel, 147, Kronk welterweight, fought his way to a rugged six-round decision over slick young Robert Moody, also 147, Columbus, Ohio. It was Rodney's sixth win without a loss and brought Moody to 2-2.

The opening boxing match was a scheduled eight-round middleweight bout between Kronk's flashy former welterweight, now moving up in class, Lanny Blue Edmonds, 155, and Bay City, Michigan's undefeated former welter, Andre Williams, 152. The classy youngster, Edmonds, showed that the extra weight did not slow him down, but did give him added punching power. He dropped Williams to the canvas twice to end the fight at 1:50 of the first round with a stunning knockout. Edmonds' record moves up to 5-1. Williams now drops to 4-1.

The Kronk Boxing Team fared very well again. The crowd, while thin at only 1,500 fans, did well if you consider that the Detroit Red Wings played at Joe Louis Arena and the Detroit Pistons played at the Silverdome at the same time. It was an All-Star Boxing Promotion.

We look forward, with Kronk Boxing in the future, to watching the 147-pound Darrell Chambers turned pro and seeing the newest member of the Kronk team in action—Johnny Compo, 13-0-1 out of Florida. Johnny doesn't have to worry about the cold up here. The action in Detroit is hot and furious.

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▲ ST. PAUL — Prom Ballroom — Bob (Iceman) Coolidge, 160, Foley, Minn., TKO'd Lester Groves, 158, Jonesboro, Arkansas, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Coolidge, a southpaw, floored Groves once in the second and three times in the third. Referee Mert Herrick stepped in at 2:40 of the latter session.

"I knocked him down with a shot to the ribs the first time," said Coolidge, "and that took a lot out of him. The last time I hit him with a right hook just under the heart."

Coolidge is now 12-1-1 with 10 kayoes. Groves is 13-5.

Brian Brunette, 155, St. Paul, won unanimous decision over Charlie Peterson, 160, Muncie, Indiana, six.

Four-rounders: Larry Puchta, 155, Minneapolis, TKO'd Rick Zavallo, 153, Omaha, at 2:40 of the second. Paul Johnson, 160, St. Paul, outpointed Wayne Grant, also 160, Omaha. Bill Bradley, 160, Middletown, Ohio, kayoed Bernie Melcher, 162, Minneapolis, in 2:00 of the third. Rick Sekorski, 214, St. Paul, won an unpopular decision over Rick Keller, 213, Council Bluffs, Iowa. (This reporter felt that Keller had won all four rounds.) Rick Valdez, 135, Omaha, knocked out Bill O'Connor, 134, Des Moines, in 2:30 of the second in the opener.

DAVE BLOOMBERG

NEVADA

▲ INCLINE VILLAGE — Hyatt Tahoe — Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, Stockton, Calif., knocked out Grover Robinson in 2:21 of the fourth round. Lopez punished his opponent with good left hooks to the body.

Mike (King) Clark, Carson City, won a split decision over Karl Hess, 10, light heavyweights. Scoring: Jimmy Olivas, 96-94, Hess; John C. Lloyd, 96-94, Clark; Herb Santos, 96-94, Clark.

Dennis Quimayousie, 130, Carson City, knocked out Tony Styles, Sacramento, in 2:20 of the second round of another scheduled 10. A left hook to the head was the kayo punch.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Showboat Hotel — Battling Babs McCarthy emerged as the U.S. welterweight champion with a sixth round knockout over Greg Stephens.

The fearless, superbly aggressive McCarthy, at 146¾, pressured the 147-pound Stephens the entire distance of the bout—which was the main event at the Showboat Hotel's Monthly Fight Card.

Though scheduled for 12 rounds, it was apparent from the opening bell that Stephens was in dire trouble. He made the mistake of head-hunting with his menacing opponent.

Midway through the sixth, McCarthy walked straight into Stephen's midsection with a left-hook to the body followed by the same devastating punch to the head.

Stephens was crawling helplessly on the canvas, but managed to balance himself on unsteady legs just as the referee reached the count of 10. McCarthy attacked again, and hammered the dazed Stephens with right and left hands until referee Harry Krause mercifully stopped the bout at 1:50 of the round.

In a 10-round middleweight semi-main, Robby Epps, 160, Clovis, New Mexico, took a unanimous decision over James Williams, 160½, Portland, Oregon. Epps was penalized on points in rounds four and ten for low blows, but still managed to win the decision with the following scores: Dalby Shirley, 97-92; Hal Miller, 96-94; Duane Ford, 97-91. Referee: Joey Curtis.

In a featherweight match, scheduled for 10, Roberto Garcia, 131, won when his opponent, Santos Moreno, 129, was disqualified for continual low blows. Garcia was knocked down in the first round, and evidenced a great deal of pain for the remainder of the bout. Warnings by referee Fred Hernandez failed to halt Monreno's illegal punches, and the ref halted the bout at the end of the sixth.

The card was presented by Tony Trudnich and the Showboat Hotel, and was broadcast on Sports Channel TV.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Silver Slipper — Fast-talking, hard-punching Leroy Haley kept his Nevada State junior welterweight title with a sixth round TKO over Jaime Nava in the main event of the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Haley, who lost two pounds that afternoon to make the 147-pound weight limit, began a relentless body attack from the opening bell. Nava, also 147, was unable to counter Haley's constant pounding, and the fight was stopped by referee Joey Curtis at 2:05 of the sixth round to spare him further punishment.

In a middleweight bout, scheduled for six, "Mellow" Mike McCallum, 156, New York, scored a TKO at 2:49 of the fourth round over Rigoberto Lopez, 155, Los Angeles. Referee: Fred Hernandez.

A scheduled six-round welterweight bout ended in a second round technical draw between Alex Celedon, 146, Los Angeles, and Manny Lopez, 143, Las Vegas. Celedon suffered a severe cut over his left eye, and was unable to continue fighting. Referee: Fred Hernandez

A four-round light heavyweight bout ended in a draw between Abalardo Ramos, 175, and Dennis Fikes, 178. Referee: Glenn Powell.

The four-round card opener featured two fighters making their pro debuts. Aurelio Martinez, 131, Las Vegas, scored a unanimous decision over Easy Nolen, 135, Las Vegas. Scoring was: Bob Martin, 39-37; Alan Adler, 39-37; Lou Tabat, 40-36. Referee: Glenn Powell.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Silver Slipper — Light heavyweight Rudy Robles of Los Angeles toyed with his opponent, Reuben Rascone, for three rounds before knocking out the Phoenix fighter with a left-right combination at 2:46 of the third round in their scheduled 10-round main event at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Robles, 175, deliberately took Rascone's weak blows to his head and chest, throwing the hapless Rascone off guard. Rascone was weak in the defense department and hit the canvas with a thud heard round the arena. Referee: Davey Pearl.

The rest of the five-match card ended in decisions, keeping judges Chuck Minker, Larry Clark, and Dr. Paul Smith busy.

Anthony Davis, 197½, scored an eight-round unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Pernall Fairley, 191, Los Angeles. Scoring Charles Minker, 78-74; Paul Smith, 77-75; Larry Clark 79-73. Referee: Fred Hernandez.

Rick Wallace, 141, put on an impressive performance over his more experienced opponent, Manny Lopez, 143¼, to take a six-round unanimous decision. Wallace won every round on two of the judges' cards and five of the six rounds on the third card. Referee: Fred Hernandez.

Cuban Aurelio Martinez, 132, improved his record to 2-0 with a four-round split decision over newcomer Ralph Morfin, 131½, Los Angeles. Scoring: Charles Minker, 38-37; Larry Clark, 38-37, both for Martinez. Judge Paul Smith scored 37-38 in favor of Morfin. Referee: Glenn Powell.

Jim Kitchens, 160, scored a four-round unanimous decision over Henry Drummond, 156, of Los Angeles. All judges scored 39-37 for Kitchens. Referee: Glenn Powell.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Roger Stafford, 145½, Philadelphia, proved to be the star of Top Rank's latest Monthly ESPN cards.

Stafford was aggressive and impressive against previously undefeated Kenny Croom, 146½, Los Angeles, and emerged

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Ky.)
1. Gerry Cooney (N.Y.)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
4. Marty Monroe (Calif.)
5. Ken Norton (Calif.)
6. John Tate (Tenn.)
7. James Tillis (Ill.)
8. Tim Witherspoon (Pa.)
9. Renaldo Snipes (N.Y.)
10. Stan Ward (Calif.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Wilfred Benitez (P.R.)
1. Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
2. Randy Shields (Calif.)
3. Adolfo Viruet (N.J.)
4. Pepe Dominguez (Calif.)
5. Clint Jackson (Tenn.)
6. Babs McCarthy (Calif.)
7. Greg Stephens (Calif.)
8. Manuel Jiminez (P.R.)
9. Bruce Finch (Nev.)
10. Larry Bonds (Colo.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Rocky Lockridge (N.J.)
2. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)
3. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
4. Noel Arriesgado (Hawaii)
5. Jose Caba (Calif.)
6. Abdul Bey (Hawaii)
7. Rocky Garcia (Calif.)
8. Juan (Kid) Meza (Calif.)
9. Freddie Roach (Ariz.)
9. Warren Matthews (La.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pa.)
1. Michael Spinks (Mo.)
2. James Scott (N.J.)
3. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
4. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
5. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
6. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
7. Murray Sutherland (Mich.)
8. Bashiru Ali (Calif.)
9. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
10. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Rodriguez (Pa.)
1. Bruce Curry (Texas)
2. Monroe Brooks (Calif.)
3. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
4. Domingo Ayala (P.R.)
5. Sal Lopez (Calif.)
6. Dujuan Johnson (Mich.)
7. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
8. Termite Watkins (Texas)
9. Johnny Bumphus (Tenn.)
10. Marvin Jenkins (N.Y.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (N.Y.)
1. Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
2. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
3. Edwin Rosario (P.R.)
4. Jaime Garza (Calif.)
5. Derrik Holmes (Md.)
6. Sergio Castro (Calif.)
7. Frankie Duarte (Calif.)
8. Javier Flores (Utah)
9. Richard Savala (Calif.)
10. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Vito Antuofermo (N.Y.)
2. Dwight Davison (Mich.)
3. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
4. Wilford Scypion (N.Y.)
5. Ernie Singletary (Pa.)
6. Frank Fletcher (Pa.)
7. Sammy NeSmith (Ind.)
8. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
9. Ray Seales (Wash.)
10. Vinnie Curto (Mass.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (N.Y.)
1. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
2. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
3. Herman Montes (Calif.)
4. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
5. Gonzallo Montellano (Calif.)
6. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
7. Curtis Harris (N.J.)
8. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
9. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
10. Frank Newton (Okla.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pa.)
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Julian Solis (P.R.)
3. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
4. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
5. Fred Jackson (Tex.)
6. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
7. George Garcia (Calif.)
8. Ricardo Varela (Calif.)
9. David Capo (P.R.)
10. Luis Rosario (P.R.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Mosley (Nev.)
1. Tyrone Rackley (Ariz.)
2. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
3. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
4. Steve Delgado (Ariz.)
5. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Tex.)
6. Zeferino Gonzalez (Calif.)
7. O'Dell Leonard (Md.)
8. Nick Ortiz (P.R.)
9. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
10. Mario Maldonado (N.J.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Samuel Serrano (P.R.)
2. Bobby Chacon (Calif.)
3. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
4. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
5. John Verderosa (N.Y.)
6. Robert Mullens (S.C.)
7. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
8. Johnny Sato (Calif.)
9. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
10. Gerald Hayes (N.J.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nev.)
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Javier Mendoza (Calif.)
4. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
5. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
6. Norberto Castellano
7. Felix Castillo (Texas)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tenn.)
9. Jose Torres (Ariz.)
10. Candy Iglesias (Ariz.)

Larry Holmes (Pa.), world heavyweight champion; Mike Weaver (Calif.), WBA heavyweight champion; Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pa.), world light heavyweight champion; Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (N.Y.), WBA light heavyweight champion; Marvin Hagler (Mass.), world middleweight champion; Ray Leonard (Md.), world welterweight champion; Thomas Hearns (Mich.), WBA welterweight champion; Aaron Pryor (Ohio), world junior welterweight champion; Saoul Mamby (N.Y.), WBC junior welterweight champion; Hilmer Kenty (Mich.), WBA lightweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion; Jeff Chandler (Pa.), world bantamweight champion.

with the Top Rank sponsored national welterweight championship by way of a unanimous decision.

Stafford delivered vicious left hooks continually, and Crooms' knees buckled three times as he clung to the ropes for support. A Stafford left hook in the third round blasted Croom against the ropes, and the dazed fighter attempted to breathe deeply to clear his head and straighten his knees while holding onto the strands. The same action was repeated in the fourth and sixth rounds, but Croom managed to survive the 10-round distance—only to lose by unanimous decision. Scoring: Charles Minker, 99-91; Joe Swessel, 98-92; Duane Ford, 99-92. Referee: Richard Green.

The championship belt was presented to Stafford by Comedian Bill Cosby, a close friend.

The win gives Stafford a guaranteed shot at one of the 10 top welterweight contenders with a $10,000 purse attached.

In the 10-round National Junior Middleweight Semi-Finals, Al Clay 153, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Chris Linson, 153½, Las Vegas. Scoring: Charles Minker, 99-91; Duane Ford, 97-93; Joe Swessel, 97-94. Referee: Harry Krause.

In a bantamweight bout scheduled for six, Richard Sandoval, 116½, Los Angeles, made short work of beating Jose Castro, 115, Mexicali, Mexico. Sandoval scored a TKO at 1:25 of the first round after decking Castro twice. Referee. Harry Krause.

Another first-round knockout was scored by Chris Schwenke, 176, Salt Lake City, who scored a K.O. at 2:22 of the first over Mike Hutchinson, 175, Las Vegas. The light heavyweight bout was scheduled for six. Referee: Richard Green.

In a six-round lightweight bout, Ronnie Romero, 134, Salt Lake City, took a unanimous decision over Barry Hernandez, 134½, Tucson, Ariz.

And in a six-round junior middleweight bout, Milton Hall, 145, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Henry Drummond, 149½, Guatamala. Referee: Joey Curtis.

SHIRLEY NORMAN

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY — Resorts International Hotel Casino — Philly's Jerry "The Bull" Martin scored a second-round TKO over New England's Don Addison in a bout that should never been made. Martin had dispatched Addison easily back in 1979 and there was no reason to think that Don would do any better the second time around. When matchmaker Rus Peltz was asked why the rematch, he lamely replied: "I couldn't find anybody else for Jerry and he need to stay busy."

This was Martin's second comeback fight since losing to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in his abortive attempt to win the WBA title. He wasted little time getting to work and punished Addison's body in the opening round.

Martin switched his attack to the head in the second round and dropped Addison with a powerful right. Don beat the count, but was now bleeding from a nasty cut inside his mouth. Another good right rocked Addison just before the bell.

Dr. Frank Doggett took a look at Addison between rounds and decided that enough was enough. Don was not permitted to come out for the third. This is recorded as a second round stoppage under New Jersey rules.

For Martin, still ranked high among the light heavyweights, it was his 21st win and 14th kayo. He has lost twice. Jerry seemed pleased with his performance.

"I think I'm on the road. It was a very good step in the right direction."

Camden's Tony Braxton edged Philly's Kevin "Bo" Perry via a majority 10-round decision in a all-action junior middleweight bout. The match was part of ESPN's nation-wide tourney and Braxton will continue on to the finals.

The fight was very close going into the last round. Braxton, younger brother of Dwight Braxton (who won the ESPN light heavy title), staggered Perry in the 10th to earn the close call.

Former amateur ace Jimmy Clark continued his education in the pro ranks with a fourth-round TKO over Jersey's Benji Smith. Smith raised a welt under Clark's right eye early, but folded at 2:48 of the fourth. Jimmy did most of his work with the left jab and claimed to be hampered by triple vision.

It was Clark's second straight win inside the distance, but the opponent was very limited and if Jimmy is going to make an impression on the heavyweight ranks he will have to improve on his current form.

"Jimmy is anxious," said trainer Angelo Dundee. "He's not steady with his right. I've got to smooth him out a little in the gym."

In other prelims, light heavy Charles Singleton scored a fourth round TKO over Joe Roberson and Brian Baronet decisioned Robert Johnson, six.

The card was held in Resorts' Superstar Theatre and televised over the ESPN cable.

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ TOTOWA — Ice World — Rocky Lockridge, 127, Paterson, N.J., kayoed Ernesto Gonzalez, 127¼, Chicago, Ill., with a solid left hook to the body at 2:26 of round one. Lockridge is now 18-1 with 16 kayoes. He should get another crack at the title later on this year.

Curtis Harris, 141, Paterson, N.J., kayoed Pedro Acosta, 140¼, Cartagena, Colombia, with a left hook in 3:08 of round two. Acosta was counted out eight seconds after the bell rung. Harris is on his way to lightweight contention, largely through his showing in the ESPN TV Championships. He's now 11-1 with eight kayoes.

Mitchell Green, 211, Queens, New York, dropped Lindsley Page, 196, Trenton, N.J., in the first round. The shorter Lindsley, though, fought back, and found that he could reach Mitch with a right hand lead. He gave Green trouble until a flurry of punches late in round two brought a halt at 2:48. Green is now 4-0—all knockouts.

Tough Tommy Merola, 157, Newark, N.J., got back on the winning track with a very close decision over Mark Mainero, 155, Boston, Mass. The previously undefeated Mainero was aggressive, a little wild, and took a punch very well. He grimaced ferociously and played possum at times to entice Merola to "open himself" for a counterpunch. Merola, however, boxed and punched more effectively to take the closest of decisions after eight. Tommy is now 10-1 with six kayoes. Mark lost for the first time in nine pro bouts.

Rusty Rosenberger, 161, Niles, Ohio, the former N.J. State middleweight champion, TKO'd John Martino, 156¼, Philadelphia, Pa., at 1:30 of round two.

Diego Rosario, 123¼, Paterson, N.J., outscored bloody but unbowed Jorge Vasquez, 125, Bronx, New York, six. Rosario is still undefeated.

Andy Riccardi, 159½, Cliffside Park, N.J., kayoed Curtis Williams, 153, Newark, N.J., in 0:30 of round one with a flurry of punches ending with a right cross.

Jose Cruz, 160½, Jersey City, N.J., outpointed King Edward Starling, 161½, Linden, N.J., six.

Referees—Tony Perez, Vincent Rainone.

Judges—Paul Cavalier, Bill Kostrub.

In attendance were Duane Bobick, Chuck Wepner, Emile Griffith, John "The Heat" Verderosa, Johnny Bumphus, Alex Ramos, Davey Moore, and New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott.

Another excellent promotion by Dan Duva.

▲ TOTOWA — Ice World — Undefeated young New Jerseyites were the order of the day, and they all remained unbeaten. Rocky Lockridge, Bobby Czyz, and Tony Braxton led the way.

Rocky Lockridge, 125¼, Paterson, N.J., stopped game but outclassed southpaw Benny Marquez, 126½, Chicago, Ill., at 2:42 of round three after dropping him with left hooks in rounds two and three. A right dropped Marquez again late in the third, and it was over.

The second scheduled 10-rounder saw Tony Braxton, 155, Camden, N.J., stop game Geliciano Cintron, 154½, Dorchester, Mass., at 1:16 of the eighth round on a bad cut under the right optic. Tony, a polished boxer-fighter, is unbeaten in six pro bouts. He captured the Northeast Regional junior middleweight title in the ESPN Tournament with this win. Braxton beat Frank Fletcher in 1979.

In the first 10-rounder, and the toughest battle of the evening, 18-year-old Bobby Czyz, 161, Wanaque, N.J., had his hands full with Skipper Jones, 159¾, Vineland, N.J., for six rounds. Czyz, however, dropped Jones twice in the seventh and stopped him at 2:18 of the session with a possible fractured jaw. Bobby, who will now fight Reggie Amin Muhammad for the vacant New Jersey State middleweight title, is undefeated in nine pro bouts, with seven wins inside the distance.

Reggie Amin Muhammad, 164, Newark, N.J., the former New Jersey State middle champ, stopped Greg Thomas, 166, Salem, North Carolina, with a left hook to the stomach at 1:40 of round two.

Undefeated James Green, 158, Irvington, N.J., stopped Eddie Sanchez, 156¾, New York City, N.Y., at 0:43 of round two. Green is now 2-0 with two knockouts.

Andy Riccardi, 159, Cliffside Park, N.J., outpointed Rick Hamlisch, 161½, Belleville, N.J., four.

Kenny Bogner, 134, Trenton, N.J., outscored Jose Matos, 136, Paterson, N.J. Bogner is unbeaten in eight pro bouts.

Diego Rosario, 121½, Paterson, TKO'd Vegron Hill, 123½, Trenton, N.J., in the fourth. Rosario is also undefeated.

Referees—Paul Venti, Ron Burns.

Judges—Charles Spina, Harold Lederman.

In attendance were Christie Brinkley, Johnny Bumphus, Alex Ramos, Duane Bobick, and N.J. State Commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott.

S.M. FELDMAN

NEW YORK

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — A yellow ribbon bedecked the microphone that was lowered into the ring of Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum on Jan. 30, 1981. It was a day of ticker tape parades in celebration of the return of the hostages, with ribbons everywhere. In fact, the second bout of the evening saw middleweight Bernard Taylor of Hempstead, N.Y. enter the ring with yellow ribbons around his ankles, as did many of the fighters that evening. His opponent, Haleem Muhammed of Jersey City, responded to shouts from the crowd to "Let one go for the hostages," a TKO in 59 seconds of the 2nd of their scheduled four-round bout.

But there was no celebration in Bennie Briscoe's corner that night. Perhaps a yellow ribbon should have been hung on Briscoe, for it was obvious that he should be released from his ordeal of fighting. It became a night when the 38-year-old middleweight from Philadelphia proved once and for all—and to all—his 20-year career as a professional boxer was drawing to a close.

Although Briscoe claimed that his punch was "as good as ever", it was apparent that his club fighting days are numbered. But he claims that he is not planning to give up the dust and resin of the ring. However, after his performance that evening, one wonders if there surely isn't a better way to earn some extra cash, if that is indeed the reason for his continuing to box.

Briscoe was the aggressor for the first six rounds, moving in

with the cunning of a well-seasoned alley cat as Ortiz danced around the ring, keeping out of Briscoe's reach as often as possible and countering with left jabs, usually getting them in over Briscoe's crossed arms.

Briscoe had decisioned Ortiz in an earlier encounter two years ago, but this time around his age—and the accumulation of punches—took their toll.

By round five, although Briscoe's legs were beginning to show signs of weakness, he still eschewed his stool, preferring, instead, to stand—something he has done throughout his career. During round six Ortiz, who had been circling his prey, waiting for him to tire, moved in for the kill. But Briscoe held on. By the seventh round, however, he visibly began to tire and Ortiz caught him with a left jab that bloodied his nose.

Taunting Briscoe in round eight, Ortiz moved in and slugged away at him in the center of the ring while Briscoe covered up, holding his arms close to his body in a Norton-esque manner, using even his head—which resembles a dark polished rock—to block punches. Round nine saw Ortiz again the aggressor, but the round was taken away from him for a low blow. Briscoe continued to hold his head low, his arms tucked in, protecting his body, during Round 10. Ortiz, triumphant at the end of the round, was proclaimed the winner by a split decision: Judge Simon Ramos scored the bout 8-2, Ortiz; Referee Herbie Kronowitz had Ortiz ahead 6-3-1; and Judge Eva Shane somehow had Briscoe ahead, 6-4. Perhaps she remembered the Briscoe of old.

Said Briscoe later, "This was his night."

A crowd of 1,024 paid $12,400 for the evening of boxing, which also included a TKO for N.Y. featherweight Jose Nieto over Johnny Papin (Papin flew into town with his manager, Dick Meek, billed as having won 10 out of 12 bouts. The best Ring could do was find a 2-6-3 record for him.) of Wichita, Kansas at 1:22 of the third round in a ten round bout. Middleweight John Molander of Centereach, L.I., defeated William Nance of Trenton when Nance was disqualified for repeated holding at 1:31 of the fourth round of their 6-rounder.

New York welterweight Pedro Vilella scored a technical knockout over Andrea Cane, also of N.Y., in the second round of their scheduled four round bout. Heavyweight Pete Minot, N.Y., scored a third found TKO over Sergio Rodrigues of Haiti who is also a sparring partner for Gerry Cooney). Minot had Rodrigues—who resembled an unbalanced wind-up toy—up against the ropes in the third round and was pounding him silly while referee Charley Norkus watched intently. Finally screams of "stop the fight" brought him to his senses before Rodrigues completely lost his, and he signalled the end of the fight. Rodrigues, who, luckily, was not seriously injured during the onslaught, staggered to his corner where cornermen and doctors rushed to his aid. He emerged from the crowd a few minutes later, senses regained.

Welterweight Carmelo Cruz of San Juan scored an unanimous decision over Jimmy Donnelly of Rocky Point, N.Y., in a four-round battle; and welterweight Larry Roland of Hempstead, N.Y., lost an unanimous decision to Fred Mejias of Santo Domingo, four rounds.

Attendance—1,024. Gross—$12,400.00.

E.J. GARY

▲ SYRACUSE — War Memorial Auditorium — Rocky Fratto, 151, Geneva, New York, knocked out Randy Milton, 146¼, Bridgeport, Conn., in 1:35 of the first round in a scheduled 10. A vicious left hook to the temple did the trick.

Fratto, who knocked out C.J. Faison in the same ring last April 19 in only 54 seconds, is now 23-0 in the pro ranks.

Sanford Ricks, 140¼, East Orange, New Jersey, and Frank Minigan, 145½, Rochester, New York, drew, eight. Ricks' faster punching style seemed to have given him the edge, and the verdict met with some disapproval.

Tony Campbell, 174, Buffalo, TKO'd Joe Britt, 174½, Syracuse, at 1:26 of the sixth and final round. It was Tony's pro debut.

Dave Brown, 126, Elizabeth, New Jersey, kayoed Tom Elston, 122, Buffalo, in 2:40 of the first round in a scheduled six-rounder.

John Singleton, 142, Newark, outscored Pat Brennan, 136, Hempstead, New York, six.

Walter Saxton, 172½, Newark, stopped Tom Bennett, 174, Rochester, in 1:01 of the first round in the scheduled four-round curtain raiser.

Canastota Boxing Club.

Attendance—1,700.

JIM LEO

▲ WHITE PLAINS — Westchester County Center — Four Westchester fighters were winners on Momentum Enterprise's monthly show.

In the main event, Doug "Kid Cobra" DeWitt won the Westchester County Middleweight title with an unimpressive eight-round decision over last minute replacement Willie Nance of Trenton, New Jersey.

DeWitt, 8-0, was frustrated all night by the shorter and muscular Nance. Outweighted by five pounds, 167-162, DeWitt was consistantly held by Nance, who, in his last bout, against John Mohlander in New York, was disqualified for holding.

The officials saw it this way: referee Vinny Rainone, 7-1; judge Frank Dejesus, 5-2-1; judge Tony Castellano, 4-3-1—all for the undefeated DeWitt.

In the most exciting bout of the evening, Ken (Bang Bang) Bogner, 134, Trenton, N.J., scored an impressive unanimous decision over well-traveled Benny Benitez, 137, Springfield, Mass., six.

Ken Fusco, 153, Harrison, New York, won a unanimous decision over Mike Grant, 152, Bronx, New York, six.

Paul DeVorce, 128, Yonkers, won a unanimous duke over Jose Banquera, 129, Colombia, six.

Merlin Castellano, 184, White Plains, TKO'd Al Monday, 181, New York, in the second.

Johnny Fanea, 153, Ossining, outpointed Carl Wilson, 157, Bronx, four.

Elijah Tillery, 192, Staten Island, TKO'd Calvin Langston, 197, Bridgeport, Conn., at 0:42 of the first round in another scheduled four.

The normal 60-second interval between rounds was waved in favor of an experimental 90-second intermission. It seemed to work, but one wag at ringside said "Much more, and they'll have to retrain the fighters."

Attendance — 1,537. Gross—$14,235.

DEAN COLEMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ PHILADELPHIA — Blue Horizon — Philly's newest featherweight prospect, Myron Taylor ran his unbeaten streak to six straight, but was forced to travel the full distance for the first time in his budding pro career in order to outpoint granite-chinned Santos Cruz over eight.

Taylor, who won the 1980 National Golden Gloves title and a Bronze medal in the U.S. Olympic trials, had blasted his first five pro opponents into oblivion in rapid order and was expected to do the same to Cruz. Instead of another easy victim, he found game little Santos to be unimpressed by either his amateur credentials or his two-fisted salvos.

Over the first four rounds, Taylor, 125¼, ripped home countless combos to the head and body. Cruz also 125¼, plodded forward, taking three or four solid shots to land one thumping blow to the body.

After repeatedly landing his best punches, Taylor finally figured out that Cruz was not going anywhere and the best policy would be to box his way to victory, punching in quick, eye-catching bursts.

The New Yorker never stopped attacking and more than held his own the last half of the bout. It was, however, another case of too little, too late. The early scoring by Taylor was more than enough to carry him to a unanimous decision by scores of 40-34 (twice) and a much more representative 38-34. *The Ring* had Myron ahead 38-35. He is now 6-0 with five kayoes. Cruz, who was a late sub for Philadelphian Jimmy Washington, dipped to 5-4 (three kayoes), and is better than his record would indicate.

The rugged workout was just the sort of match Taylor needs to improve. A string of easy knockout may be good for the morale (and record), but does little to advance the boxer's learning process.

The main event was a solid match, but it suffered by comparison to the splendid eight round semi-final. This was a classical club fight, matching rival South Philly welters Bernard Peterson and Johnny Cooper.

Peterson surprised the crowd and Cooper by jumping off to a quick start, setting his man up with jabs and then connecting with hard rights to the head that shook Johnny on several occasions. Cooper swung back with mighty combinations, most of them missing, as Peterson controlled the action.

The fight took a dramatic turn in the fifth. Cooper lashed out with a pair of left jabs and a follow up left hook, all landing smack on Peterson's right eye. Almost instantly, the optic began to close. There was a cut below the bottom lid and Cooper took advantage of Bernard's predicament. He started to punch more and continued to rally over the next three rounds.

The fight was up for grabs going into the eighth and it was the injured, half-blind Peterson who took the initiative. He once more found the range for his right and stung "Coop" several times to win the round and the fight.

The scores were not announced, but the decision was a majority one for Peterson.

Peterson had the same eye wounded in the ESPN tourney. He is a fine prospect and one can only hope that he will not be held back with repeated problems of this kind. He has won five and fought one draw.

Cooper is a young vet with a 11-4-4 (nine kayoes) record. He's a smooth stylist, but seems a bit lazy in the ring. Both came in at 148 even.

Trenton's Pop Nance, 166½, spoiled the unbeaten record of Fred McMunn, 162, Bayville, N.J., by taking a six-round decision. It was Nance's pro debut and the first loss for McMunn after four wins. Nance used a powerful left hand to take most of the rounds.

Albert Mills, 153, Clark, N.J., also enjoyed his pro debut, stopping Philly's Carl Pitman, 156, at 0:30 of the third. Left hooks did most of the damage.

Dan Harold, 145, Vineland, N.J., decisioned Wyatt Simkins, 152, over four and Larry Barge, 126, Phila., TKO'd Amado Pinet, 135½, Vineland, when the ringside medic would not permit Amado to come out for the second.

This was the first card at the Blue Horizon in over a year for promoter Russell Peltz. He said he was encouraged by the turnout and would be back.

Attendance—550. Gross—$4,400.

▲ PHILADELPHIA — Martin Luther King Arena — It has been said that if you mess with the bull, you'll get the horn. Well, Michael Spinks didn't get gored, but he did have an unexpectedly tough time before scoring an eight round technical knockout over stubborn little Willie "The Bull" Taylor in what was supposed to be a tune-up.

The stocky journeyman from New York City was not the only problem Spinks faced. He had been battling a cold all week and could be heard coughing from the press row.

"I don't have any excuses," said Mike. "I've fought with a few colds before and I've won. I give all praise and glory to God. My Heavenly Father has taken care of me so far."

Taylor, best known for breaking John Conteh's hand with his head, more than lived up to his reputation as a punch absorber. The punishment he took, after a good start over the first few rounds, was mind boggling. Willie, however, never looked close to going down and complained bitterly when he was rescued at 2:28 of the eighth.

Spinks was mauled around the first two rounds and forced into the ropes, where he took a number of left hooks to the head. Taylor, in spite of his obvious strength, is not much of a puncher. Lucky for Spinks.

Slowly Mike found the groove and began to assert himself. As the rounds went by, he sent home volley after volley of flush punches to both head and body. Still, Taylor refused to budge.

"If I got hit as hard as Willie got hit tonight, I'd quit," exclaimed Spinks. "I hit him to the body with a shot that I thought went through him. He's a tough guy, but I think he took too much."

"I hit him and saw his eyes roll all over his head. He's a die hard. All he did was duck his head and swing back."

By the seventh, Taylor was not swinging back quite so much anymore. Then, in the eighth, Mike connected with a series of "Spinks Jinks" and referee Charles Segrillo made his move at Michael's urging.

"Ref, what you think about it?" asked Spinks several times before Segrillo took the cue.

Spinks is the logical contender to meet the winner of the "Battle of the Muhammads," and says that he feels that he is the best man in the entire division. Cold or no cold, he will have to do better than this if he is to live up to his claim.

Brother Leon, fresh from his "teeth-under-the-bed" episode, was on hand to cheer Mike on to victory. He could be seen mopping his brow in unison with promoter Butch Lewis during the rugged early going. All ended well, though, and the result pleased everyone except Taylor and his camp.

Spinks enjoyed a four pound advantage at 176, and improved his unbeaten record to 16 straight. Taylor's record is debatable, but his courage is not. He received a rousing ovation from the Philly fans for his sponge-like performance and somehow lived to fight another day.

Joe Tiberi, 160, Glasgow, N.J., scored a sixth-round TKO over Mike "Youngblood" Williams, 159, Phila., in the exciting semi-final, scheduled for 10.

This one was a slugfest from the start, with both men eager to go to war. Williams was unloading combinations in the first when Tiberi countered with a stunning right to the chin.

"Blood" went down on the seat of his pants, took an automatic eight-count and hung on until the round ending bell. He never really got back into the fight, although he fought back bravely until his corner refused to let him come out for the sixth. A pair of knockdowns (one was ruled a slip) near the end of the fifth prompted the retirement. It was a big win for the slugging Tiberi, and the first pro loss for Williams.

Undefeated local Timmy Witherspoon, 208, made quick work of Pittsburgh's Ed Bednarick, 198, scoring a TKO at 2:06 of the first. A cut eye and a knockdown were more than enough to terminate matters.

Philly's Buster Drayton, 161, stopped "Dancin" Dan Snyder, 165, Upper Darby, in the fourth round of a wild and whacky affair.

After winning the first two sessions, Snyder was decked by a right to the jaw early in the third. Then, before the count started, Drayton blatantly fouled Snyder by landing two additional blows as Dan sat there. Snyder jumped to his feet, rushed across the ring, grabbed Drayton in a headlock, and proceeded to wale away.

Where was referee Jackie Lennon while all this was happening, you may ask? Doing absolutely nothing!

Lennon finally calmed things down, stopped the time, and gave each man a talking to. Action resumed after several confusing minutes and, needless to say, tempers were a bit frayed.

Following a good punch-up the remainder of the third, Drayton took charge in the fourth. He dropped Snyder to his knees and finished him off with another punch while Danny was down. This time Lennon pretended he didn't see the foul and counted Snyder out at 1:20. It was one of the worst jobs of officiating this reporter has ever seen. The fans, of course, ate it up.

Whitehope heavy Marty Capasso, 215, scored a cut eye TKO over Robert White, 192, Pittsburgh, when White could not come out for the fifth.

Promoter Lewis drew a decent Super Bowl Eve crowd of 3,621. The card was also televised live over the ESPN cable.

NIGEL COLLINS

TEXAS

▲ SAN ANTONIO — Alamo City Arena — San Antonio's own Tony "Torito" Ayala led the victory parade for Bob Arum's Top Rank "Champions of Tomorrow" thumpin' troupe.

Jose Luis Baltazar stood Torito's barrage until his corner threw the towel in and the referee stopped the beating at 2:59 of the second round. Baltazar won the hearts of the fans with his game, courageous stand.

Tony Tucker notched his fourth consecutive knockout, stopping Victor Rodriguez in two rounds, heavyweights.

Alex Ramos, New York, kayoed Jose Pacheco with a right hook in the fifth round, middleweights. Ramos is also 4-0 with four kayoes.

Johnny Bumphus halted Jose Angel Medina with a pair of body punches in the second, junior welterweights. Bumphus is also 4-0.

Don Curry, Fort Worth, stopped Juan Ramirez in two stanzas, junior welters. Curry is 2-0 with two kayoes.

Two of the better, crowd pleasing performances were by local glove lacers Felix Castillo, flyweight, and Gaby Cantera, feather. They are not in the "Champions of Tomorrow" circle and thus were not pampered where opponents were concerned.

Castillo TKO'd Chaparro DeLeon at 2:50 of the fourth round and Cantera halted Pedro Rodriguez at 1:11 of the fourth.

Eddie Carter, Houston, knocked out Manuel Garcia, San Antonio, in 2:17 of the third round, middleweights.

The bouts were telecast over the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network.

FRANK R. JASSO

BERMUDA

▲ HAMILTON — Bermuda A.A. Arena — Professional boxing returned to Bermuda for the first time in more than a decade.

In the feature attraction, Bermuda's heavyweight champion, Clarence Hill, 212, scored an impressive TKO over journeyman John Blaine, 195, Bridgeport, Conn., at 2:57 of the second. Blaine, who was coming off two straight wins, never had a chance. He was knocked down in the first round with a left hook, and was floored thrice in the next frame, forcing ref Fred Thomas to step in at 2:57.

Hill, a Silver Medalist in the 1976 Olympics, showed fine punching power with good hand and foot speed. His record is now 5-0. He'd like his next fight to be with Jimmy Clark, whom he fought twice in the amateurs. Clark won the first bout, Hill the second. This match would be a good draw in Bermuda.

Al Fletcher, 148, New York, and Roy Johnson, 142, Bermuda, drew in the eight-round semi-final. Scoring: judge Victor Richman, 4-3-1, Johnson; judge Joe Brown, 4-3-1, Fletcher; Judge Cleveland Crichlow, 3-3-2. This reporter had it 4-3-1, Johnson. Referee was Sturan Swan.

An amateur bout preceded the Fletcher-Johnson contest.

Promoters—Ed Demello and New York Sen. Ed Pisani. Steve Acunto, president of the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and Vincent Berlingo, another member, acted as consultants.

DEAN COLEMAN

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲ **TORONTO — St. Lawrence Market** — Roddy McDonald, 185, Toronto, TKO'd Mike Boswell, 207, Rochester, New York, at 2:47 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10-rounder. McDonald, 20, dominated all the way.

Willie Featherstone, Toronto, halted Bill Hollis, Michigan, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round light heavyweight contest.

John Digazio, Welland, halted Lamont Hopkins, Michigan, in the fourth frame of a scheduled eight-round welter bout.

Don Poole, Toronto, took out Bobby Bascombe, Brantford, Ontario, in 0:47 of the first round in another eight-round welterweight affair.

Bobby Bland, Toronto, halted Kenny Northrey, Buffalo, in the second session of a six-round middleweight encounter.

Calvin Portier, Niagara Falls, stopped Wayne Dobbin, Toronto, at 0:40 of the fourth and final round in the opening bout.

DesRoches Productions.

▲ **OTTAWA** — Gaetan Hart, 135, Quebec, won a controversial split decision over Louie Hubela, also 135, Brooklyn, in the 10-round main event.

Conroy Nelson, 209, Ottawa, kayoed Lupe Guerra, 205, North Platte, Nebraska, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round semi-final.

Michel Lalone, 139, Quebec, won a unanimous decision over Clint Harris, Windsor, eight.

Bryan Anderson, 138, Montreal, and Trevor Evelyn, also 138, New York, drew, eight.

Johnny Degazio, Toronto, won unanimous decision over Jim Henry, 152, Montreal, six.

Don Poole, 146, Toronto, halted Levant Williams, Detroit, in the first round.

Jean Paul Petrin, 146, Quebec, won a unanimous duke over Earl Stringer, 145, Detroit, four.

Howard Darwin, promoter.

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL — Paul Sauve Arena** — Fernand Marcotte, 157, Quebec, halted Don Johnson, 154½, Halifax, at 2:57 of the first round. Marcotte had been inactive for eight months.

Dave Hilton, Jr., 136, Montreal, made his pro debut by knocking out Noel Torres, also 136, New York, in 1:32 of the second round.

Roddie McDonald, 179½, Toronto, kayoed Eddie Smith, 185, Norfolk, in 2:24 of the third frame. It took Roddie five rounds to knock Smith out in August, 1979.

Dick Ecklun, 146, Lowell, halted C.J. Faison, 148, Washington, at 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Gaston, Berube, 210, Montreal, stopped Ron Rousselle, 201, Toronto, at 1:58 of the second in a scheduled six.

John Griffin 159¼, Montreal, halted Eddie Sanchez, 156¼, New York, at 2:11 of the first round in a scheduled four.

The Montreal Athletic Commission has warned trainer Robert Robins of the New Garden Gymnasium, Brooklyn, New York, to stay away from Montreal in the future with his team of divers—Noel Torres, Eddie Sanchez, and Eddie Smith.

FRANK ALLNUTT

JAMAICA

▲ **KINGSTON** — Heavyweight contender Trevor Berbick returned to his native land and halted big, safe Chuck Gardner, 236, Minneapolis, in 1:12 of the fourth round.

Berbick's people were not about to jeopardize their fighter's coming title fight with Larry Holmes.

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **LA PAZ** — Edel Borunda, 125, demolished Adrian "Cachorro" Estrella, 124, in the first round.

▲ **MEXICALI** — Leonardo "Pechuga" Valdez, 112, stopped Angel Felix, 111, in two. Antonio Adame, 160, outscored Rafael "Caballo" Corona, 158, 10.

CAMPECHE

▲ **CAMPACHE** — "Rayito" Gonzalez, 136, outpointed Abraham Nunez, 134, 10. Transito "Cumbia" Lopez, 134, outscored Jorge Cab, 133, eight.

COAHUILA

▲ **TORREON** — Andres "Pantera" Ramirez, 158, halted Willie Carter, also 158, U.S.A., in two. Nicolas Perez, 123, outscored Chuhco Barrientos, 124, 10. Joel Torres, 111, knocked out Jorge Jimenez, also 111, in six.

DISTRICTO FEDERAL

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Jose Luis Tapia, 135, TKO'd Angel Mata, also 135, in seven. Javier Esquivel, 119, stopped Victor "Costeno" Mendoza, 117, in six. Juan Gomez, 125, halted Abel Pacheco, 126, in two. Raul "Satanas" Guerrero, 135, TKO'd Ricardo Maldonado, 136, in two. Martin "Motorcito" Flores, 108, TKO'd Ramon "Toluco" Lopez, 107, in three.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Cenobio Nicolas, 125, outpointed Jorge Zarate, 123, 10.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Reyes Gonzalez, 125, won by a disqualification over Juan Garcia, 135, in eight. Mario Ochoa, 118, TKO'd Hipolito Hernandez, 117, in nine. Ubaldo Ramirez, 123, kayoed Silvino Pastrada, also 123, in five. Sergio Gonzalez, 141, TKO'd Gustavo "Maceton" Ocampo, 142, in five. Raul Dominguez, 107, stiffened Pedro Porras, 108, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — German Torres, 108, and Jorge Manuel Vera, 107, drew, 10. Heriberto Saavedra, 111, and Jose Acosta, 112, drew, 10. Carlos Linares, 120, outpointed Antonio Gallegos, 117, six. Raul "Satanas" Guerrero, 135, outscored Jorge Martinez, 133, six. Casimiro Rosales, 113, TKO'd Carlos Garcia, 112, in one.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Juan Paredes, 124, chilled Jose "Mixe" Bautista, 124, in two. Beto Perez, 124, won by a disqualification over Pablo Marquez, 125, in four. Alfonso Rivera, 113, stopped Francisco Sanchez, 113, in two. Pedro Rios, 118, outpointed Nabor Flores, 117, six. Valentin Pineda, 135, and Jaime Rosas, 136, drew, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Marcos Villasana, 126, TKO'd Artemio Ramirez, 124, in one. Mario "Chapo" Nava, 117, TKO'd Ramiro "Popeye" Garcia, 118, in four. Porfirio Urrutia, 121, TKO'd Pedro Delgado, 124, in four. David Palacios, 112, outscored Alejo Garcia, 111, six. Rene Arredondo, 127, TKO'd Juan Reyes, 128, in three.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Chucho Ramirez, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Escalante, also 135, in eight. Miguel Angel Alvarez, 126, TKO'd Gonzalo Lovera, 124, in five. Javier Herrera, 113, TKO'd Casimiro Rosales, also 113, in six. Santos Rodriguez, 111, outscored Hector Cortes, 112, six. Carmelo Bustos, 111, outscored Jose Pineda, also 111, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Memo Vallejo, 118, TKO'd Hector Cortes, also 118, in three. Chucho Ramirez, 132, and Memo Miranda, 131, drew, 10. Gilberto Sosa, 108, outpointed Raul Dominiguez, 109, six. Martin Flores, 107, outscored Isidro Cazares, 108, four.

GUERRERO

▲ **PETATLAN** — Artemio Ruiz, 115, outscored Pedro Alonso, also 115, 10.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Venancio Rosas, 111, and Ricardo Lira, also 111, drew, 10. Julio Avendano, 117, TKO'd Ruben Hernandez, also 117, in seven.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Aureliano "Pulga" Sanchez, 113, won by a disqualification over Salvador Nava, 112, in eight. Isidro Perez, 128, TKO'd Enedino "Alacran" Aguilar, 126, in four.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Saul Mayren, 129, kayoed Florentino Palomeque, 130, in three. David Cruz, 134, and Felipe Rodriguez, 135, drew, 10. Julio Avendano, 117, flattened Francisco Dorantes, 118, in three. Antonio Marin, 113, kayoed Luis Mejia, 112, in four. Manuel Arce, 109, iced Abundio Rodriguez, 110, in one.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Elpidio Infante, 126, outpointed Juan Paredes, 125, 10. Jose Luis Lopez, 123, outscored Abel Vargas, 125, eight. Francisco Mayo, 123, TKO'd Benito Benitez, 124, in five.

HIDALGO

▲ **CIUDAD HIDALGO** — Roberto Cruz, 175, outscored Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 178, 10.

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Jorge Vaca, 147, chilled Nicolas Herrera, 146, in three. Juan Sanchez, 125, stopped Carlos de los Cobos, also 125, in one.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Arturo Mujica, 111, TKO'd Felipe Romero, 112, in three. Sergio Medina, 115, halted Cecilio Estrada, 116, in two. Ronny Ramirez, 118, TKO'd Ignacio Camacho, 117, in four.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Mario "Azabache" Martinez, 119, outpointed Tony Escobar, 117, 10. Felipe Garcia, 123, TKO'd Vicente Villalbazo, 124, in one.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Mario Martinez, 119, kayoed Alfredo Martinez, 118, in three. "Cuyito" Hernandez, 112, TKO'd Martin Arreola, 113, in one.

MICHOACAN

▲ **LAZARO CARDENAS** — Andres Figueroa, 145, outscored Andres Lovera, also 145, 10.

NUEVO LEON

▲ **MONTERREY** — Baldomero Santos, 111, nailed Manuel Mendoza, 112, in the second round. Ubaldo Rivas, 128, knocked out Isidoro Medina, 129, in five. Emilio Sanchez, 118, stopped Juan de la Rosa, 117, in two. Alejandro Zuniga, 120, kayoed Gerardo Cerda, 117, in two. Victor Gomez, 111, destroyed Miguel Mendoza, 112, in one.

▲ **MONTERRERY** — Juan Carlos Alvarado, 136, outscored Roberto Campos, 134, 10. Ramiro Lozano, 115, edged Alfredo Reyes, 126, 10. Rafael Hernandez, 128, TKO'd Eduardo Flores, 126, in seven.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Adolfo Sanjeado, 146, demolished Adan Chavarria, 147, in four to retain his Mexican welterweight title. Rafael Martinez, 135, trimmed "Zorrita" Madera, also 135, 10. Juan Carlos Montalvo, 117, halted Jorge Pech, 116, in four. Juan Manuel Herrera, 125, outpointed Jesus Cortes, 124, six. Felipe Hernandez, 119, stopped Ignacio Banda, 120, in two.

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ** — Beto Perez, 124, TKO'd Raul de la Paz, 124, in five.

▲ **SALINA CRUZ** — Eleazar Cabrera, 124, kayoed Antonio "Zurdo" Hernandez, 126, in four. Jose Montero, 117, outscored "Ishimatsu" Guzman, 118, 10. Jose Garcia, 119, kayoed Gilberto "Zorrita" Morales, 118, in seven. Miguel Avendano, 117, stopped Roberto "Cachorro" Santiago, also 117, in six.

▲ **SALINA CRUZ** — Cayetano Correa, 135, halted Ramiro Garcia, 134, in five.

QUINTANA ROO

▲ **CHETUMAL** — Lupe Perez, 135, TKO'd Leroy Hardyman, 136, Belize, in two.

SINALOA

▲ **LOS MOCHIS** — Betillo Gutierrez, 139, stiffened Jose Luis Soberanes, 140, in six. Manuel "Topo Gigio" Vasquez, 118, kayoed Manuel Lara Meza, 117, in seven. Ramon Peraza, 145 knocked out Hector Nevarez, 147, in the first.

▲ **CULIACAN** — Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 147, TKO'd Alberto Lopez, 146, in eight. Ray "Pelon" Rodriguez, 113, flattened "Estudiante" Munoz, 112, in five.

SONORA

▲ **NAVOJOA** — Martin "Camaron" Castro, 124, halted Javier Amarillas, also 124, in one. Esiquio Gutierrez, 158, halted Abel Wilson, 160, in two. Javier Dominguez, 117, stopped Miguel Angel Ruiz, 118, in four.

TABASCO

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA** — Saul Linares, 125, TKO'd Herbert Yang, 123, in three. Daniel Cuamani, 109, outscored Ranulfo Cano, 108, 10. Aaron Garcia, 109, halted Tony Hong, 108, in two. Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, 117, outpointed Babe Pena, 118, 10.

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA** — Freddie Castillo, 112, outscored Gabriel Bernal, also 112, 10. Fitzroy Guisseppi, 146, Belize, outpointed Juan "Dinamita" Hernandez, 145, 10. Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 136, outscored Nacho Saucedo, 135, 10. Aaron Garcia, 109, flattened Joe Gonzalez, 108, in two.

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **REYNOSA** — Roberto "Kid" Rubaldino, 118, TKO'd Sergio Reyes, 117, in six. Rocky Montoya, 125, TKO'd Natalio Quintero, 126, in four. Magdaleno "Lobito" Montoya, 118, halted Chino Maya, 116, in two.

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE** — Jose Baquedano, 156, outpointed Johnny Heard, 158, U.S.A., 10.

VERACRUZ

▲ **POZA RICA** — Moises Mendez, 146, TKO'd Eleuterio Davila, 147, in six. Ladislao Mijangos, 171, TKO'd Trinidad Netzahualcoyotl, 172, in three. Emilio Sola, 111, TKO'd Evaristo Morales, 112, in five. Alejandro Garcia, 111, outscored Ricardo Medina, also 111, six.

▲ **CIUDAD ORDAZ** — Jose Luis Gregory, 133, outpointed Jose Maravilla, 132, 10. "Gato" Toledo, 123, kayoed "Chino" Mendez, 124, in nine.

YUCATAN

▲ **IZAMAL** — Miguel "Pulgarcito" Leal, 108, stopped Pedro "Chiapas" Flores, 110, in three. Diego Franco, 108, iced Roque Hernandez, 109, in one. Babe Vasquez, 111, kayoed "Chamaco" Dzitas, also 111, in three. Memo Lopez, 114, halted Kid Kaliman, also 114, in two. "Pic-Nic," 107, outscored "Lupe Pintor," 108, four. Martin Pech, 110, outpointed Kid Heras, 109, four.

EDUARDO AMER G.

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▲ **PANAMA CITY** — WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza, 129¾, kayoed Raul (Hurracan) Silva, also 129¾, Costa Rica, in 1:20 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Rafael Pedroza, 114½, became the first Panamanian national junior bantamweight champion with a unanimous decision over Pedro Romero, 114¼, 12.

Former WBA flyweight champion Luis Ibarra, 113, knocked out Donald Laguna, 111½, Nicaragua, in 1:36 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Miguel Iriarte, 118½, kayoed Tony Korea, 118¾, in 2:00 of the seventh frame of their scheduled 10.

Alcibiades Blandon, 125, won unanimous decision over Francisco Perez, 126, 10.

Eric Perea, 147¼, TKO'd Marino Alabarca, 145¾, at 2:13 of the second in a scheduled six-round bout.

Rolando Ruiz, 145¾, won unanimous decision over Tiburcio Nunez, 146¼, four.

Alberto Diaz, 117, won a unanimous decision over sub Eleuterio Munoz, 116½, four.

Hermanos Torres, promoter.

RAQUEL M. TORRES

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SOUTH AMERICA

GUYANA

▲ **GEORGETOWN** — Sergio Alvarez, 134¾, Colombia, halted Michael Reid, 135, Guyana's lightweight champion, in the 10th and final round. Bertrand Adams referee.

Alvarez is now scheduled to meet Latin American lightweight champ Claude Noel of Trinidad and Tobago.

Keith (Bomber) Williams, 159, won unanimous decision over Leon (King Kong) O'Neil, 160¼, eight.

Dennis Dalrymple, 131¾, and Mark Miller, 135, no contest. Referee Fernandes disqualified both boxers for not trying.

Christopher Bowen, 128, won a split decision over veteran Roy Smith, 131, eight.

Leroy Lewis, 143¼, made his pro debut by knocking out Lennox Sommerset, 145, in the second round of a scheduled six.

LLOYD W. BLACKMOORE

EUROPE

EUROPEAN TITLE FIGHTS TOOK PLACE during 1980. This is one less than the record for any year, 31 in 1976 and in 1977. Rudi Koopmans, Holland, light heavy; Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, junior middle; Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, welter; Roberto Castanon, Spain, feather; and Charlie Magri, Great Britain, flyweight; who ruled Europe at the end of 1979, still wear their crowns. Charlie Nash, Great Britain, vacated his lightweight title to fight fellow countryman Jim Watt, for the world title but then won it back, beating Spaniard Franco Leon.

Heavyweights: Lorenzo Zanon, Italy, vacated his crown for a shot at Larry Holmes; world title. Briton John L. Gardner won the vacant crown with a decision over Rudi Gauwe, Belgium. Zanon, losing to Holmes, returned to earth and once again concentrated on the European honors. He met Gardner, but was knocked out. The Briton's crown looks fairly safe at present.

Light heavyweights: Rudi Koopmans, Holland, has reigned since March, 1979, but Hocine Tafer, France, with whom he drew last year, is a dangerous challenger. Koopmans' only defeat in 36 odd fights was to WBA champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. He was the first Dutchman ever to fight for a world title. Koopmans made successful defenses against Enio Cometti, Italy, and Fred Serres, Belgium, during 1980.

Middleweights: Alan Minter, Great Britain, relinguished his European crown to fight for the world title and fellow countryman Kevin Finnegan and Gratien Tona, France, fought for the vacated title. Finnegan won, then drew with German George Steinherr, and then lost his title to Italian Matteo Salvemini. The Italian's reign, however, was short and sweet, with Briton Tony Sibson, recovering the crown for his country. Saez Gomez, Spain, has been nominated as official challenger for Sibson's title, which is surprising, considering George Steinherr held Finnegan to a draw; he even won in some eyes. Alan Minter could face Sibson while waiting for his return with Marvin Hagler, who took away his world title. Agamil Yilderim, the Berlin based Turk, could cause a major upset should he get the chance to face Sibson.

Junior Middlweights: Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, based in Berlin, made a couple of defenses, drawing with Damiano Lassandro, Italy, and stopping Frenchman Georges Warusfel. He still found time to give world champion Ayub Kalule a close call and revenge a defeat against Sandy Torres.

Welterweight champion Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, now 37, made defenses against Alois Carmeliet, Belgium, Joey Singleton, Great Britain, Hans Hendrik Palm, Denmark, and Giuseppe Padova, Italy. Two serious challengers wait in the wings, Hans Hendrik Palm, who might possibly turn the tables if given a second shot, and Briton Colin Jones, an even more dangerous challenger.

Junior welterweights: Champion Jo Kimpuani, France, made two successful defenses, beating Christian Gracia, France, and Perico Fernandez, Spain, but a knee injury brought a halt and the EBU took away his crown. Italian Giuseppe Martinez, Italy, won the vacant title, beating Clinton McKenzie, Great Britain, but then lost his title to Spaniard Antonio Guinaldo. A fit Jo Kimpuani could well win back his lost title.

Lightweight champion Charlie Nash, Great Britain, vacated his title for a shot at the world crown held by fellow countryman Jim Watt. Franco Leon, Spain, won the vacant crown, beating Giancarlo Usai, Italy. Nash stepped out of his class when he met Watt, and returned to the European scene. Leon gave him a chance to win back his title and Nash proved to be the better man.

Junior lightweight champion Carlos Hernandez, Spain, beat Italy's Salvatore Liscapade and Aristid Pizzo. Frenchman Charles Jurietti and Ramon Marichal, Spain, are worthy challengers in this division.

Roberto Castanon, Spain, has ruled the featherweight division since December 16, 1977, and his defenses will soon number a baker's dozen. I see no man capable of beating Castanon just now, but defenses against Briton Pat Cowdwell and Jimmy Flint would be well worth the cost of a good seat.

The late Johnny Owen, Great Britain, held the European bantamweight title prior to his meeting with WBC champion Jose Guadalupe Pintor, the fight which was his last. He made a defense against Juan Francisco Rodriguez, Spain. Valerio Nati, Italy, won the vacant title, beating Rodriguez. Johnny Feeney of Great Britain could be challenging for the crown later this year.

Flyweight champion Charlie Magri, Great Britain, made one defense, beating Giovanni Camputaro, in 1980. He may well drop everything for a world title shot later in the year. Manuel Carrasco and Rodriguez Cal of Spain and Giovanni Camputaro, Italy, could then be in line for the vacant crown.

At the Luxury hotel, Burlington, in Dublin, Briton Charlie Nash won the European lightweight title, beating Spaniard Francisco Leon. A privileged 800 dinner jacketed audience saw the bout, the first in Dublin for 25 years. At the end of the 12 rounds between the two southpaws, all three officials voted in favor of Nash. Referee Amleto Bellagamba, Italy, 117-115; judge Helmut Kindliman, Switzerland, 119-114; and judge Arsene Klobb, Luxembourg, 118-116.

AUSTRIA

▲ **WOLKERSDORF** — Halia Kalamsay stopped Esperno Postl, welterweights. Postl retired with a cut eye in round seven. Fernandez La Cruz outpointed Nazif Biberovic, eight, middleweights. Helmut Owessle outscored Antino Tescione, six, heavyweights.

▲ **WAIDHOFEN** — Otto Zinoder knocked out Esperno Postl in the first round to win the vacant Austrian welterweight title. Franz Dorfer outscored Corrado Sortino, eight, middleweights. Herbert Trausmuth kayoed Fritz Krenslehner, three, welters. Allesandro Casanova out-pointed Helmut Owessle, six, heavies.

BELGIUM

▲ **DIFFERDINGEN** — Local matador Fred Serres used a brilliant left to outscore Lino Lemma, junior welterweights. Pierre Kabassu, Zaire, TKO'd German light heavyweight champion Uwe Meineke, three.

Seven amateur bouts made up the balance of the program.

▲ **ZELE** — Clemente Tshinza TKO'd Pol Payen, three, junior middles.

▲ **ARGENTEAU** — Al Syben outscored George Butzbach, Germany, 10, heavyweights. Jean Simos kayoed Mohammed El Gharbi, three, junior middles.

▲ **TEMSE** — Mohammed Mallem won by disqualification over Tiger Boy, five, featherweights.

▲ **BRUSSELS** — Andre Mongelema outscored Raymond Langewouters, eight. Mongelema, a welter, is now undefeated in nine bouts.

▲ **IZEGEM** — Luc Goossen, Belgium, TKO'd Kurt Oerter, five, heavyweights.

▲ **ZELE** — Dave Williams, Great Britain, based in Belgium, and former European lightweight champion Rodolfo Sanchez, Spain, drew, 10. Williams was cut over the nose in round five, and four stitches were required. Rudi Gauwe, Belgium, kayoed Bob Young, Great Britain, five, heavyweights.

▲ **BRUSSELS** — Al Syben outscored James Dixoh, U.S.A., 10, heavies.

▲ **DIFFERDINGEN** — German heavyweight champion Bernd August, stopped Belgian champ Al Syben. The latter retired at the end of seven.

▲ **MOULINBEEK** — Abdel Gissi TKO'd Roberto Bosio, five, heavies.

▲ **HERENTHALS** — James Dixon, U.S.A., outpointed Rudi Gauwe, eight, heavyweights. Dave Williams TKO'd Kevin Lampkin, five, lights.

▲ **POINCHE** — Jo Bollue outscored Marco Giuliani, six, welterweights.

▲ **BRUSSELS** — Avenamar Peralta outscored Pierre Kabassu, 10, heavyweights. Robert Desnouck outpointed Horst Lang, eight, heavies. Michel Caron outpointed Luc Goossens, six, light heavies.

▲ **WILRIJK** — Angelo Licata outscored Andre Blanco, eight, lightweights. Mohammed Maalem TKO'd Haidar Nowredinne, five, bantams.

▲ **ST. TRUIDEN** — Philippe Parent and Mohammed Bouziani drew, six, welterweights. Caludio Bosio and Jean Luc Lamy drew, six, middles.

▲ **GRIVEGNEE** — Tukisoleka Nkanlankete halted Jean Simos, welterweights. Simos retired with a cut eye in round eight.

▲ **IXELLES** — Abdel Gissi outpointed Fred Voltine, six, heavyweights.

▲ **BRUSSELS** — Michel Caron outscored Nedja Memeti, six, light heavies.

▲ **LA SOUVIEVE** — Sergio Bosio kayoed Mustapaha Kabunga, four, light heavyweights.

▲ **ZELE** — Stuart Lithgo outpointed Rudi Gauwe, eight, heavyweights. Dave Williams TKO'd Jesus Canet, four, lights. Jose Hernandez outscored Clemente Tshinza, eight, junior middles.

▲ **MIDDELKERKE** — Frankie DeCaestecker outscored Roselande Bounet, eight, welterweights. Daniel Champagne outpointed Jean Keirsebilch, six, feathers.

▲ **LIEGE** — Maurice Bufi outscored Christian D'Helft, eight, middleweights. Leandre Luigiery outpointed Philippe Parent, six, welters. Marco Galiani outscored Georges Lemmer, six, junior middleweights. Jean Marc Renard outpointed Marc Amand, six, feathers.

▲ **MOULINBEEK** — Andre Mongelena outpointed Mon Lamgewouters, eight, middles.

▲ **IZEGEM** — Pierre Kabassu outpointed Jean Pierre Coopmans, 10, heavies. Robert Desnouck outscored Michel

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (Great Britain)
1. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
5. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
6. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
7. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
8. Bernd August (Germany)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
3. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Avenamar Peralta (Spain)
6. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Christian Cavina (Italy)
9. Karl Canwell (Great Britain)
10. Jean Louis Martin (France)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Alan Minter (Great Britain)
2. George Steinherr (Germany)
3. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
4. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Adoni Amana (Spain)
6. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Alfredo Naveiras (Spain)
9. Howard Mills (Great Britain)
10. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Pat Thomas (Great Britain)
3. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
4. Luigi Michillo (Italy)
5. Steve Hopkin (Great Britain)
6. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
7. Dave (Boy) Green (Great Britain)
8. George Warusfel (France)
9. Louis Arcaries (France)
10. Jose Hernandez (Spain)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jorgen Hanse (Denmark)
1. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
2. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
3. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
4. Piere Angelo Piras (Italy)
5. Richard Rodriguez (Spain)
6. Roger Zenon (France)
7. Alois Carmeliet (Belgium)
8. Salvatore Cascio (Italy)
9. Fred Coranson (France)
10. Antonio Casado (Spain)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
1. Jo Kimpuani (France)
2. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
3. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
4. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
5. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
6. Colin Powers (Great Britain)
7. Steve Early (Great Britain)
8. Ken Buchanan (Great Britain)
9. Christian Gracia (France)
10. Andre Holyk (France)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
1. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
2. Francisco Leon (Spain)
3. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
4. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
5. Manuel Velasquez (Spain)
6. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
7. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
8. Winston Spencer (Great Britain)
9. Dave Williams (Great Britain)
10. George Feeney (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Charles Jurietti (France)
2. Ramon Marichal (Spain)
3. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
4. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
5. Aristid Pizzo (Italy)
6. Natale Vezzoli (Italy)
7. Maurice Apeang (France)
8. Isidor Cabeza (Spain)
9. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
10. Natale Caredda (Italy)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
3. Manuel Masso (Spain)
4. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
5. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
6. Marco Gallo (Italy)
7. Alfredo Mulas (Italy)
8. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
9. Laurent Grimbert (France)
10. Vernon Penprase (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
2. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
3. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Franco Buglione (Italy)
7. Garry Nickels (Great Britain)
8. Davey Lamour (Great Britain)
9. Manuel Barquin (Spain)
10. Franco Zurlo (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
2. Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
3. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
4. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
5. Sabatino DeFilippo (Italy)
6. Emilio Pireddu (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
9. Filippo Belvedere (Italy)
10. Andre Dore (Italy)

Caron, eight, light heavyweights. Luc Goossens kayoed Kurt Oerter, one, light heavies. Frankie DeCaestecker outpointed Jean Marie Touati, eight, welters.

DENMARK

▲ **RANDERS** — European welterweights champion Jorgen Hansen retained his crown, outpointing Italian Giuseppe Di Padova, 12, before a crowd of only 2,000.

Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, outscored Peter Neal, Great Britain, eight, welterweights. Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, hurt in round seven, recovered to outscore Tom Collins, Great Britain, eight, light heavies. Davidson Andeh, 22, Nigeria, outscored George Peacock, Great Britain, eight, lightweights. Torben Andersen, Denmark, outpointed Neil Fannon, Great Britain, six, juniors middleweights. Mike Irungu, Kenya, outscored Luis de la Sagra, Spain, eight, bantamweights. Steve Muchoki, Kenya, outpointed Vicente Rodriguez, Spain, eight, bantams.

ITALY

▲ **FORLI** — Valerio Nati, 24, Italy, won the vacant European bantamweight crown, outpointing Francisco Rodriguez, Spain, 12 rounds.

▲ **NOVARA** — Leo Gomez outscored Antonio Franca, six, featherweights. Palmiro Pizzata outpointed Abass Macauley, six, lightweights.

▲ **MANTOVA** — Giuseppe Di Padova outscored Benedicto Dos Santos, 10, welters.

▲ **FIRENZE** — Gaetano Ardito TKO'd Antonio Crescenza, three, middleweights. Franco Siddu TKO'd Gregorio Ciancaglione, five, lights.

▲ **LATINA** — Patrizio Oliva kayoed Emiliano De Souza, six, junior middleweights. Circo De Leva TKO'd Roberto D'Aulu, two, flyweights. Giovanni Bovenzi outpointed Donato Romano, six, junior middles.

▲ **MARSALA** — Carlos Hernandez retained his European junior lightweight title. He TKO'd Aristide Pizzo in the seventh. Salvatore Meluzzo outscored Helenio Ferreira, eight, featherweights. Joey Gibilisco outpointed Josias Da Silva, eight, lightweights.

▲ **PESARO** — Juan Jose Giminez outscored Pedro Acosta, 10, junior welters. Eupremio Epifani TKO'd Antonio Antino, four, junior welters.

▲ **SENEGALIA** — Bedetto Gravina kayoed Khimyr Hongi, one, heavyweights.

▲ **MILAN** — Pellegrino Ventrone TKO'd Palmiro Masala, five, junior welters.

▲ **LIDO DI OSTIA** — Aldo Tramentozzi TKO'd Moses Samba, three, light heavies. Raimondo Moi outpointed Aniello Ventrone, six, junior welters.

▲ **CAMPIONE D'ITALIA** — John L. Gardner, Great Britain, retained his European heavyweight crown, kayoing former champ Lorenzo Zanon, five. Fulgencio Obel knocked out James Waire, three, middleweights. Franco Canini outpointed Houdi Landri, six, lightweights.

▲ **CAGLIARI** — Francesco Aresti outscored Benedicto Dos Santos, eight, welterweights. Giuseppe Tidu TKO'd Gregorio Ciancaglione, five, lightweights.

▲ **PADOVA** — Walter Cevoli TKO'd Darko Barakoviv, two, light heavyweights. Jose Lutshadi Mudimbi TKO'd Jose Centa, four, light heavies. Gino Freo outscored Robert Amory, eight, heavyweights.

▲ **BOLOGNA** — Moscow Olympic light welterweight champion Patrizio Oliva, Italy, outpointed El Kamoudi, Morocco, six, welters. Olivia is now 4-0 as a professional.

▲ **SENIGALIA** — Antonio Guinaldo won the European junior welterweight title by knocking out Giuseppe Martinese in three.

▲ **FORLI** — Helenio Ferreira TKO'd Giancarlo Ravaioli, seven, bantamweights. Loris Stecca knocked out Pietro Donati, one, feathers. Marino Angeli outpointed Mario Tiano, six, junior lightweights.

▲ **ROME** — Nino La Rocca TKO'd Santiago Valdez, five, welterweights. Nicola Cirelli outscored Fred Reed, eight rounds, middles. Roberto Manoni knocked out Ray Opoku, six, middleweights. Genera Mauriello outscored Gabriele Lazzari, six, light heavies. Robert D'Elia and Bruno Gubala drew, six, junior welters.

▲ **PESARO** — Luigi Minchillo TKO'd Roberto Serrelli, two, junior middleweights. Corrado Sortino TKO'd Mauro Da Cruz, five, junior middles.

▲ **PIACENZA** — Aldo Buzzetti outscored Sumba Macauley, eight, middleweights.

▲ **SENIGALIA** — Gianfranco Rosi TKO'd Filiberto Zaccheo, one, welters. Benedetto Gravina and Corrado Sortino drew, six, junior middles.

▲ **MILAN** — Antonio Franca and Pasquale Mazza drew, six, lightweights.

▲ **LATINA** — Nino La Rocca TKO'd Frank Medina, six, welterweights. Ciro Di Leva outscored Armando Guarino, six, flyweights. Marino Angeli TKO'd Alfredo Raininger, six, junior lights.

▲ **NOVARA** — Dionisio Leo Gomez and Gabriele Di Stazio drew, six, junior lightweights.

▲ **LIDO DI OSTIA** — Alessandro Nardi TKO'd Natale Vezzoli, 10 (Italian junior lightweight title). Raimondo Moi TKO'd Luigi Dal Santo, three, junior welterweights. Sesto Pomponi outscored Aniello Ventrone, six.

▲ **TURIN** — Paolo Castrovilli TKO'd Giovanni Camputaro, five (Italian flyweight title). Luciano Navarra outscored Francesco Gallo, 12 (Italian junior welter title). Carlos Santos kayoed Alfonso Hayman, one, junior middleweights. Helenio Ferreira and Potito Di Muro drew, eight, featherweights.

▲ **POST RECANATI** — Luigi Curcetti and Alfonso Carillo drew, six, junior welters.

▲ **BOLOGNA** — Patrizio Oliva outpointed Mohammed Chino, six, junior welters. Franco Canini TKO'd Gregorio Cincaglione, four, lightweights. Lorenzo Paciullo outpointed Renzo Mannai, six, junior lights. Walter Cevoli outscored Gabriele Lazzari, six, light heavyweights.

▲ **PIACENZ** — Domenico Adinolfi TKO'd Vincenzo Pesapane, nine (Italian heavyweight title). Severino Picca outscored Carlo Frassinetti, six, lightweights. Felice Magro outpointed Vincenzo Maidini, six, junior welterweights.

▲ **FIRENZE** — Franco Siddu outpointed Rene Martin, eight, junior lightweights. Gaetano Ardito TKO'd Cyrille Barbe, two, middles. Romano Mugnai outpointed Claudio Tanda, six, bantamweights. Alessandro Scapecchi TKO'd Valerio Fretta, four, junior welters.

▲ **CAGLIARI** — Alessandro Casanova TKO'd Antonio Tescione, five, heavyweights. Franco Aresti TKO'd Timoteo Bonizzoni, seven, welters. Giuseppe Tidu outscored Antonio Germano, six, lights. Roberto Serrelli outpointed Battista Calvia, four, featherweights.

FRANCE

▲ **PARIS** — Lucien Rodriguez retained his French heavyweight crown by stopping Sylvain Watbled in round six. The crowd of nearly 6,000 showed their disapproval of Watbled's retirement by whistling and booing.

▲ **DUNKIRK** — Briton Cliff Gilpin scored his 12th win—a decision over Frenchman Jean Marie Touati, eight. Dan M'Putu, Zaire, outscored Sylvester Gordon, eight.

▲ **PARIS** — French welterweight champion Ronald Zenon TKO'd Ralph Twinning, U.S.A. The latter took a standing eight count in round three and, after he was decked, the third man called a halt.

▲ **PARIS** — Roger Zenon lost his French welter title to Richard Rodriguez on points, 12.

▲ **FLEURY SUR L'ORNE** — Dominique Piedeleu TKO'd Jean Jacques Souris, two, bantamweights.

▲ **PARIS** — Sylvain Watbled kayoed Rinaldo Pelizzari, three, heavies. Rene Martin knocked out Maurice Fico, three, lightweights. Pierre Franck Winsterstein kayoed Dragan Tadic, four, middles.

▲ **MARSEILLES** — Yvon Sego TKO'd Maurice Bufi, five, junior-middles.

▲ **PONT DU CASSE** — Christian Gracia outscored Francesco Gallo, eight, junior welterweights.

▲ **NICE** — Jacques Chinon TKO'd Gerard Nosley, five, to retain his French middleweight title. Francis Tripp outpointed Dario Bruno, six, feathers.

▲ **TARBES** — Jose Lozano outscored Christian D'Elft, eight, middleweights.

▲ **CALAIS** — Francis Bailleul outpointed Guy Caudron, eight, featherweights. Thierry Samo stopped Fred Coransen, welterweights. Coransen retired with a cut eye in round five.

▲ **ST. MALO** — Claude Martin outscored Horace McKenzie, 10, junior middles.

▲ **PARIS** — Gilles Elbilia outpointed Lieze Mandoze, eight, welterweights. Maurice Renard outscored Serge Sinelnikov, six, middles.

▲ **ST. RAPHAEL** — Rasim Hadzie and Gerhard Lagasse drew, six, middleweights.

▲ **CRIEL** — Laurent Grimbert TKO'd Gerard Jacob, four, to retain his French featherweight title. Stephane Ferrara outscored Patrick Babouram, eight, junior middles.

▲ **DUNKIRK** — Jean Marie Touati kayoed Jeff Lee, four, welterweights. Dan M'Putu knocked out Albert Amatler, seven, lightweights.

▲ **PARIS** — Hocine Tafer outpointed David Conteh, 10, light heavyweights. Roger Zenon outscored Bechir Boundka, 10, welters. Dominique Delorme TKO'd Jean Louis Coquin, three, junior middles. Pierre Frank Winsterstein kayoed Wenlenge N'Kongo, one, middles. Paul Tchoue TKO'd Abdel Lasbeur, two.

▲ **MARSEILLES** — Richard Caramanolis outscored Maurice Trepant, eight, light heavyweights.

▲ **CAYENNE** — Jacques Chinon outpointed Manuel Lira, 10, middles.

▲ **REIMS** — Daniel Londas TKO'd Rene Kowalski, four, lightweights.

▲ **HAYANGE** — Damien Maringen outscored Dominique Nato, six, heavyweights.

▲ **PARIS** — French middleweight champion Louis Acaries retained his title. He TKO'd Claude Martin in the 10th. Humo Samo and Claude Lancastre drew, eight, welters.

▲ **FLEURY SUR L'ORNE** — Dominique Piedeleu won the vacant French flyweight title, outscoring Nessim Zebillini, 12.

▲ **VILLEURBANNE** — Andre Holyk outpointed Andre Salmon, eight, welters.

▲ **CHATEAU NEUF SUR LOIRE** — Philippe Martin outscored Rene Kowalski, six, featherweights. Patrick Drelon outpointed Jame Bemmeziane, six, lights.

▲ **REIMS** — Daniel Londas outscored Abdel Kerzazi, six, junior lightweights.

▲ **BOULOGNE** — Alain Le Fol won the French junior lightweight crown, outpointing Maurice Fico, 12.

NETHERLANDS

▲ **AMSTERDAM** — Cor Eversteyn outscored Fredo Roelands, eight, welters.

▲ **UTRECHT** — Anton Verrips TKO'd Jean Kierblick, four, lightweights.

▲ **ROTTERDAM** — Vedat Akova stopped Hubert Zimmermann, three, light heavyweights. Cor Eversteyn won by disqualification over German lightweight champion Dieter Schantz. The latter was ruled out for butting in round seven.

NORWAY

▲ **OSLO** — Josef Nsubuga, Uganda, won a close decision over Joey Mack, eight, welterweights. John Muwanga, Uganda,

outpointed Des Gwilliam, Great Britain, six, junior welters. Erling Engh outscored Sylvester Gordon, Great Britain, six, junior welterweights.

▲ **OSLO** — Josef Nsubugu, Uganda, outpointed Jerry Graham, 10, welters.

SPAIN

▲ **MELILA** — Avenamar Peralta retained his Spanish light heavyweight title, outscoring Alex Cordoso, 10. Mimoun Mohatar kayoed Oswaldo Lopez, five, welterweights.

▲ **CUENCA** — Hugo Carrizo and Mohamed Jofre II drew, eight, lightweights.

▲ **VITORIA** — Jose Garcia and Chato Melillense drew, eight, junior welters.

▲ **FUENIROLA** — Antonio Casado retained his Spanish welterweight crown, outscoring Francisco Gomez Landero, 10.

▲ **SANTANDER** — Cecilio Lastra outpointed Francisco Moya, eight, featherweights. Esteban Eguia outscored Jose Calixto Rueda, eight.

▲ **BILBAO** — Andoni Amana kayoed Scasino Ferreira, five, middleweights.

▲ **SALAMANCA** — Antonio Guinaldo retained his Spanish junior welter crown. He TKO'd Juan Melian in the third.

▲ **MALAGA** — Alfredo Evangelista TKO'd Johnny Blaine, four, heavyweights.

▲ **SANTANDER** — Cecilio Lastra and Esteban Eguia drew, 10 (Spanish featherweight title).

▲ **MADRID** — Alfonso Redondo kayoed Lisetu Betula, five.

▲ **MALAGA** — Jose Luis Heredia outscored Antonio Garcia, 10 (Spanish lightweight title).

▲ **PALMA DE MALLORCA** — Jose Luis Vicho outscored Hugo Carrizo, 10, lightweights. Ali Lusaka TKO'd Maurice Gomez, three, heavies.

YUGOSLAVIA

▲ **SPLIT** — European junior middleweight champion Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, based in Berlin, returned to his homeland to outscore Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico, over 10 before a crowd of 6,000. Torres stopped Benes in six rounds in August, 1979.

IRELAND

▲ **DUBLIN — Burlington Hotel** — Charlie Nash, 133¾, Derry, won the European lightweight title by outpointing Francisco Leon, 135, Spain, 12. The verdict was unanimous.

Referee Amleto Bellagamba scored it 117-115, judge Helmut Kindliman (Switzerland) had it 119-114, and judge Arsene Klobb (Luxembourgh) carded 118-116—all for Nash.

Danny McAlinden, 199, Belfast, British heavyweight champ from 1972 to 1975, is still campaigning. Tony Moore, 204, Hendon, outscored McAlinden, 80-78, eight.

Northern Ireland light heavyweight champion Trevor Kerr, 174, outpointed Nigel Savory, 175½, Leeds, eight. Score: 79½-78. Kerr was on the canvas in round five.

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. John L. Gardner (England)
2. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (Nigeria)
4. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
5. Billy Aird (England)
6. Neville Meade (England)
7. Tommy Kiely (England)
8. Terry Mintus (England)
9. Steve Aczel (Australia)
10. Maile Haumona (Trinidad)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. John Conteh (England)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Bunny Johnson (England)
5. Gary Summerhays (Canada)
6. Tony Mundine (Australia)
7. Eddie Melo (Canada)
8. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
9. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
10. John Odehiambo (Uganda)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Chris Clarke (Canada)
5. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
6. Scorpion Ofosu (Ghana)
7. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
8. Wally Carr (Australia)
9. Howard Mills (England)
10. Wayne Caplette (Canada)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
3. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
4. Jimmy Batten (England)
5. Dave (Boy) Green (England)
6. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
7. Steve Hopkin (England)
8. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
9. Steve Dennis (Australia)
10. Ross Eadie (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (Canada)
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Eddie Marcelle (Trinidad)
4. Frank Ropis (Australia)
5. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
6. Joey Singleton (England)
7. Hector Thompson (Australia)
8. Peter Neal (England)
9. Lachie Austin (Australia)
10. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Des Morrison (England)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
7. Ken Buchanan (Scotland)
8. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
9. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
10. Steve Early (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Jim Watt (Scotland)
2. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
3. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
4. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda)
6. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
7. Ray Cattouse (England)
8. Nick Furlano (Canada)
9. Dave McCabe (Scotland)
10. Ricky Beaumont (England)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Guyana)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. David Kotey (Ghana)
4. Jimmy Flint (England)
5. Brian Roberts (Australia)
6. Vernon Penprase (England)
7. Henry Saddler (Ghana)
8. Jeff Smith (New Zealand)
9. Gerry O'Neill (Scotland)
10. Terry McKeown (Scotland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
2. John Feeney (England)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Mike Irunga (Kenya)
6. Jimmy Bowen (Australia)
7. Chris Bennett (Australia)
8. Mohammed Younis (England)
9. Steve Walker (Australia)
10. Tumat Sogolik (Papua New Guinea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. John Hipwell (Australia)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Sam Eme (Nigeria)
10. Attah Yeboah (Ghana)

John Aba (Papua New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeen Armah (Nigeria), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (Australia).

UNITED KINGDOM

SIBSON-SALVEMINI
European Middleweight Title

LONDON, ENGLAND — Former British middleweight champion Tony Sibson is only 22 years old. But he's had 43 fights and is the current Commonwealth and European middle ruler.

He won the European crown by knocking out previously undefeated Matteo Salvemini, 159¼, Italy, in round seven at Royal Albert Hall. A right to the head that sent the champ face first to the canvas for the full count.

Some thought Sibson had won it in round four, when he floored Salvemini twice. On each occasion, it appeared that Salvemini had been down for more than 10 seconds, and that the referee had started his own count instead of taking it up from the timekeeper, as is customary.

The Italian was in desperate trouble at the close, cut by the left eye and marked by the right. Early in round seven, he wrestled his man to the canvas, which prompted Sibson to step up the pace and finish the job in style.

Salvemini had held the title only three months since beating Britisher Kevin Finnegan, who was in the same stable as Sibson before his retirement. Finnegan, in fact, was in Sibson's corner, and went over to see that Salvemini was o.k. after the knockout, a nice gesture.

Sibson scaled 159, his lightest weight in almost two years. This could be explained by the fact that he now lives and does his training in Leicester, having moved home again from London, where he couldn't settle properly.

This was, doubtless, one of his easiest victories, and only Salvemini's holding made the fight last as long as it did. Sibson was unmarked except for a slight nick beside the left eye suffered in round six.

British and European flyweight champion Charlie Magri, 112½, recovered from a first round knockdown to outpoint Santos Laciar, 113, Argentina, 10. The official score was 98½-97½.

It was a nightmare first session for Charlie, who was caught cold by a right hand, rose at three—obviously shaken—and was on the receiving end for the entire round.

Magri, however, proved what champions are made of. He kept cool, boxed his way back, and then put the pressure on against a tough opponent who was still punching very hard—especially to the body.

Charlie's rally continued in fine style, and Laciar, who is champion of Argentina and South America, looked a little disheartened at not being able to cash in on his early success.

Magri brought his right cross into play more and more as time went on, and the Argentinian was almost sent through the ropes in the fifth round.

Laciar was slightly cut by the left eye now, and had tired. But he was still dangerous with his right hand, and landed a couple of good shots in the sixth round.

In the following session, Magri had a swelling over the right eye. This encouraged Laciar, who took a new lease on life. Magri again raised the pace, and drove his man back time and again in the eighth canto.

Then, just when it seemed that Magri had it sewn up, back came Laciar. Magri took a left to the chin, then a right, and all of a sudden looked in trouble. Charlie, though, weathered the storm again, saw the round out, and ended it by landing a few well placed punches. Magri turned in a good final session, joined by a revived Laciar. It was an exciting round, but Magri won it clearly.

Magri was fully extended in this fight, which can do nothing but good for him. He proved that he can take as well as give, and that's the hallmark of a good fighter.

Neville Meade, 233, Swansea, beat Stan McDermott, 221, East Ham, in an elimination contest for the British heavyweight title. The bout was stopped in round five after Stan had been down from a right. A right uppercut had decked Meade in the fourth.

John L. Gardner has given up his British title to prepare for a proposed fight with Muhammad Ali. Meade and Gordon Ferris will fight for the vacant crown.

Meade, incidentally, was born in Jamaica. He was Commonwealth Games heavyweight champion in 1974.

Jimmy Flint, 127¼, Wapping, kayoed sub Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, in round two after decking him twice.

Gary Nickels, 118¼, Paddington, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Jimmy Bott, 120, Liverpool, eight. Score: 79-78.

Rudi Pika, 205¼, Cardiff, beat Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote. The referee intervened in round three after Simpkin had been decked three times.

Debutant Lloyd Honeyghan, 144¼, West Ham, outpointed Mike Sullivan, 143, Plymouth, six. Score: 60-58. He didn't lose a round.

Mark Kaylor, 162¼, West Ham, halted Clinton Wallace, 163, Birmingham, in the fourth round.

ENGLAND

▲ **LONDON — Wembley Arena** — SUPPORTS TO HOPE-HERRERA: British lightweight champion Ray Cattouse, 136, beat substitute Jofre II 136¾, Morroco, based in Spain, who was retired by his corner with a cut by the left eye at the end of round three.

Sylvester Mittee, 143¼, Bethnal Green, didn't lose a round outpointing former Argentine champion Juan Antonio Merlo, 148¾, eight. Score: 80-76½.

Eddie Copeland, 137¼, Manchester, stayed unbeaten. He stopped Hugo Carrizo, 138, Uruguay, in the fourth round.

Rudi Pika, 208¼, Wales, made his pro by debut by stopping Dave Fry, 215¼, Bournemouth, in the opening session. A right hand had put Fry on the canvas.

Keith Bristol, 181½, kayoed Gordon Stacey, 176, in round four with a right cross. Both men are from Battersea.

▲ **NANTWICH — Civic Hall** — Mick Morris, Wolverton, narrowly outscored Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, eight, 78½-78. Goodwin looked much better than his number 30 rating among British middleweights would indicate.

Phil Duckworth, Leeds, TKO'd Dave Taylor, Liverpool, in round six, welterweights.

Peter Tidgwell, Bradford, and Mick Fellingham, Gravesend, drew, eight, light heavyweights.

John Lindo, Bradford, TKO'd Winston Ho Shing, Sheffield. The bout was stopped in round three after Winston had been on the canvas twice. Lightweights.

Dave Goodwin, Bootle, stopped Adam Turner, in the second session. The bout was halted after Turner had been decked

twice. Both were making their pro debuts.

▲ **BEDWORTH — Civic Hall —** Billy Waith, 148, Cardiff, outscored Roy Varden, also 148, Noneaton, eight. Score: 78½-78. Waith's experience was the deciding factor.

Rocky Burton, 210, Bedworth, TKO'd Colin Flute, 203, Tipton, in round seven.

Vince Gajny, 156, Stratford, outscored Neville Wilson, 158, Wolverhampton, six. Score: 58½-58. Nobbins were thrown in for this one.

Sean Fitzgerald, 126, Bedworth, outpointed Paddy McGuire, Birmingham, six. Score: 59½-58.

Dave Fisher, 132, Nuneaton, didn't lose a round outpointing Ray Smith, also 132, Birmingham, four. Score: 40-38. Both were making their pro debuts.

Micky Kidd, 163, Bedworth, outscored Russell Humphreys, 162, Wolverhampton, six. Score: 60-58½.

Promoter-manager Johnny Griffin had five winners and one loser on this bill.

▲ **CRAWLEY — Leisure Centre —** The opening bill at this venue saw sub Trevor Cattouse, 175½, Streatham, outpoint Bonny McKenzie, 176¼, Cardiff, eight. Score: 79-77½.

Billy Warner, 173, Brighton, returned after a two-year absence and outpointed Clint Jones, Crawley, eight. Score: 79-78.

Wayne Floyd, 146¼, Cranleigh, halted Johnny Fincham, 143½, in the third round. Floyd had been inactive for 20 months.

Al Neville, 155, Tottenham, and Steve Henry, 153, Brighton, drew, six.

Mark Crouch, 141½, Epsom, outpointed Tommy Thomas, 143¾, Tottenham, six, 60-57½. Nobbins for this contest.

▲ **WINDSOR — Blazers Night Club —** Larry McDonald, 238, Tottenham, stayed unbeaten. His opponent, Neil Malpass, 216, Elmshall, was disqualified "butting" in the first round after having been warned twice for hitting on the break. The butt cut Larry's eyebrow.

Earl Edwards, 164, Clapham, halted Errol McKenzie, 164½, Cardiff, in the fourth round. The bout was stopped when Errol was knocked down three times.

Clyde Ruan, 129½, Slough, is still undefeated. He outscored Selvin Bell, 129½, Manchester, six. Score: 59½-58. Bell was knocked down in the final round.

Cliff Curtis, 157, Sindon, outscored Mohammed Ben, 159, Carshalton, six, 59½-58. Ben was decked in the first session.

Co-promoters George Ingram and Reg Young raised nearly 300 for the Johnny Owen Memorial Fund.

▲ **LONDON — National Sporting Club —** Roy Gumbs, 162, Tottenham, TKO'd Al Styles of America in two. The bout was stopped after Styles had been down twice from right hands. Gumbs will fight Howard Mills for the vacant British middleweight title.

Chris Sanigar, 144½, Briston, outscored Gary Pearce, 146, Newport, eight, 79-78.

Lee Graham, 127¾, Finchley, halted Russell Jones, 126, Rhondda, in the seventh. The bout was stopped after a right hand had floored Jones. The latter protested. He was in trouble, but had been doing well until that point. It was only Jones' second pro bout.

▲ **SHREWSBURY — Tiffany's Ballroom —** Cliff Glipin, 147, Telford, narrowly outpointed Lee Hartshorn, also 147, Manchester, eight, 79-78½. Gilpin is still undefeated.

John Humphreys, 162, Shrewsbury, outpointed Jimmy Ellis, six, 59½-58½. They had met five times in the amateurs.

Russ Humphreys, 162, John's younger brother, made his pro debut and outscored Willie Wright, 164, Birmingham, six, 60-58½.

John Wiggins, 142, Nottingham, outpointed Paul Murray, 143, Birmingham, six, 59-58. This reversed a previous defeat.

▲ **NORWICH — Norwood Rooms —** Mike Burton, 162, Norwood, outscored Jimmy Ellis, 160, Sheffield, eight. The score was 79-78½. Burton is still undefeated, but it was a real cliff hanger.

Ronnie Rathbone, 145, Sheffield, easily outscored Alan Jones, 150, Swansea, eight, 79½-77½.

Robert Hepburn, 121, Norwich, didn't lose a round outpointing Wayne Williams, 124, Merthyr, six. Score: 60-58.

Shaun Jones, 147, Newport, outscored Randy Henderson, 146½, Stoke Newington, six, 60-57.

A battle of debutants saw southpaw Lee McKenzie, 138½, Croydon, outscored Martin Bolton, 136, Lowestoft, six. The score was 60-57½. Bolton was decked in the first round.

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON — Sporting Club —** Skill is the name of the game, and this ws ably proved by Prince Rodney, 153½, Huddersfield, who didn't lose a round outpointing Romel Ambrose, 158½, Leicester, eight. Score: 80-77½.

Terry Welsh, 146, Liverpool, kayoed Kevin Sheehan, 138, Nottingham, with a right to the head in 0:43 of the first round.

Gary Buckle, 147, Wednesbury, outpointed taller Steve Ward, 146½, Nottingham, six. The score was 60-58.

Steve Davis, 147, Swansea, outscored Paul Goodwin, 150, Liverpool, six, 59½-59.

Dennis Sheehan, 145, Nottingham, outpointed Steve Tempro, 144½, Leicester, six. The score was 59½-58½, but the bout could very easily have been declared a draw. Both were making their pro debuts.

▲ **READING — Top Rank Suite —** Dave George, 114, Swansea, outpointed Neil McLaughlin, 116, Derry, eight, 79-77½. George was decked in the last round.

This was George's seventh win in a row, but it's a bit early to be thinking in terms of a shot at Charlie Magri.

Clyde Ruan, 129¾, Slough, scored his eighth successive win, outpointing John Griffiths, 128½, Neath, six, 60-57½. Ruan didn't lose a round.

Steve Buttle, 160, Basingstoke, and Robert Smith, Rosehill, drew, six. Buttle looked disappointed. Many thought that he deserved the win.

Bobby Williams, 162½, Southampton, outscored Pharoah Bish, 166½, Battersea, six.

▲ **DONCASTER — Rotters Nite Spot —** Jarvis Greenidge, 129, Birmingham, TKO'd Paul Kerr, 128½, Hartlepool, in the seventh round. A cut by the left eye, which needed half a dozen stitches, forced the stoppage.

Greenidge claimed a punch had caused the cut. Kerr said that it was a clash of heads. Jarvis was decked in the first round, and was down again in round four without a count.

Ian Scotting, 192, Doncaster, TKO'd Osborne Taylor, 189, Nottingham, in the first. The ref stepped in after Taylor had been knocked down thrice.

Ken Foreman, 135, Hartlepool, outpointed Chris McCallum, 136, Glasgow, six. The scoreline, 60-58½, seemed a trifle harsh on the loser, who put up stubborn resistance in a good scrap.

Peter Gabbitus, 124, Doncaster, outscored Jim Harvey, 125, Glasgow, four. The score was 39½-38½. Gabbitus is just 17 years old.

Robert Armstrong, 146, Doncaster, outpointed Charlie Douglas, 148, eight, 79-78. Douglas was decked twice.

Mark Towbin, 150, Doncaster, outpointed Kirk Davis, 152, Derby, four, 39½-39.

▲ **LONDON — Bloomsbury Centre Hotel —** Jerry Martin, 175, Philadelphia, Pa., halted Otis Gordon, Houston, Texas, in the seventh.

Kerry Collins, 139, Merthyr, outpointed Johnny Claydon, 140, West Ham, eight, 79½-77½.

Martin Noe, 210, Paddington, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Derek Simpkin, 205, Swadlincote, six, 59½-58.

Lee White, 182, Morden, reversed a previous loss by outscoring Keith Bristol, 176, Battersea, six, 59½-58½.

Dave Finigan, 146, Balham, outscored Richard White, 150, Merthyr, six, 60-58.

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON — Civic Hall —** Paul Chance, 137½, Wednesbury, beat Welsh lightweight champion Martyn Galleozzie, 136½, Merthyr. The latter was retired by his corner with a cut over the left eye after six.

Midlands Area light heavyweight champion Roy Skeldon, 176½, Tipton, floored Chris Lawson, 177, Pembroke, in the eighth and final round to clinch a close decision. Score: 78½-78.

Cliff Gilpin, 147, Shrewsbury, made it nine in a row by beating sub Ian Murray, 148, Birmingham, who retired with an injured left hand at the end of three.

Johnny Burns, 139, Birmingham, didn't lose a round outpointing Jeff Pritchard, 136½, New Tredegar, six. Score: 60-57. Pritchard was down from a left hook in the first round.

Liam Coleman, 176, Leeds outpointed Cordwell Hylton, also 176, Walsall, six, 59½-58½.

Tommy Taylor, 173, Hednesford, TKO'd John O'Neill, 172½, Cardigan, at 0:58 of the first round.

John Humphreys, 163, Shrewsbury, halted Steve Bateman, 161½, Pembroke, in the fourth. The referee stepped in after Bateman had been decked.

▲ **SOLIHULL — Midlands Sporting Club —** Former British welter king Kirkland Laing, 146¾, Nottingham, outpointed former light welterweight champion Joey Singleton, 146½, Kirby, in a 12-round final eliminator for the vacant British welter title.

Singleton is an excellent boxer, but Laing had more power—and threw more blows. The score was 119-116½

Glen McEwan, 162½, Birmingham, is that rarity—a man who can take out an opponent with one punch. He scored his fourth clean kayo win in a row by knocking out Billy Lauder, 161, Bonnyrigg, in round three with a right.

McEwan, the Midlands Area middleweight champ, is currently ranked number six in Britain. With a punch like his, the other five can expect trouble.

Kelvin Smart, 117½, Caerphilly, beat Steve Enwright, 118½, Bradford. The bout was stopped in round four after Enwright had been on the canvas twice.

Steve McLeod, 143¼, Fort William, halted Kevin Quinn, 144, Manchester, in the fourth round.

Kevin Durkin, 146, Bradford, outscored Carl North, 147, Leicester, six, 59½-58.

▲ **HULL — City Hall —** Dave McCabe, 134½, Gartcosh, gained a second shot at the British lightweight title by outscoring Ricky Beaumont, 134½, Hull, 12. The score was 117½-117—narrow.

McCabe will now meet champion Ray Cattouse. Beaumont, though, should get the first shot at the winner.

Bobby Welburn, 138, Hull, kayoed Glen Rhodes, 137, Sheffield, in 0:49 of the first round with a right. Welburn has shed about 30 pounds since coming under the management of former boxer Roger Tighe.

Paul Wake, 136, Hull, outpointed Billy Laidham, 136, Glasgow, six, 60-57½.

Garry Petty, 149½, Hull, returned from three months of inactivity and outscored Charlie Douglas, Glasgow, six. The score was 60-57½.

Steve Pollard, 128, Hull, easily outpointed Chris McCallum, 132, Edinburgh, six, 60-57.

Eric Wood, 137, Doncaster, won a hotly disputed verdict over Colin Wake, 138, Hull, six. Score: 78½-77½.

▲ **SHEFFIELD — Top Rank Suite —** Dennis Pryce, 151, Wolverhampton, outpointed Mick Mills, 153, Rotherham, eight, 78½-78. The hard punching Mills has now lost four bouts in a row.

Walter Clayton, 138, Sheffield, outpointed Alan Burrows, also 138, Cardiff, six, 59-58½. Clayton is still undefeated.

Steve Farnsworth, 119½, Sheffield, confirmed a previous win by beating Tony Manson, 115, Gainsborough. The referee intervened in round two after Manson had been down.

Andy Broughton, 135, Sheffield, made his pro debut by outscoring Brian Lawrence, 134, Clapham, six, 59-58½.

▲ **MIDDLESBOROUGH — Marton Country Club —** Mick Mason, 128, Craghead, outpointed Ian Murray, Manchester, eight. Score: 79½-78. Mason is still undefeated.

Graeme Ahmed, 150, South Shields, TKO'd Kevin Walsh, 147, Manchester. The bout was stopped in round six after Walsh had been knocked down four times.

Jim Harvey, 122, Glasgow, outscored Ray Plant, 124, South Shields, six, 59½-59.

Reg Long, 190, Peterlee, and P.T. Grant, 186, Newcastle, drew, six. Long is the Northern Area light heavyweight champion.

▲ **MANCHESTER — Anglo American Sporting Club —** Steve Goodwin, 161½, outpointed Peter Bassey, 162, Manchester, eight, 79-78½.

Phil Duckworth, 148, Leeds, outpointed Robert Armstrong, 148½, Doncaster, eight, 79-78.

Derek Groake, 130, Warrington, outpointed Selvin Bell, 130, Manchester, six, 59½-59.

Tony Hoole, 163½, TKO'd Wayne McLoughton, 163, Worksop, in the second. Both were making their pro debuts.

▲ **BIRMINGHAM — Arden Sporting Club —** Wayne Evans, 130, Waterlooville, climbed to the number 10 spot among British featherweights by outpointing Gary Lucas, 128, Liverpool, eight. Score: 79½-77½.

Jackie Turner, 136¼, Hull, outscored Barry Price, 138, Brighton, eight, 80-77.

Tommy Thomas, 145½, Tottenham, and Johnny Beauchamp, 146, Portsmouth, drew, six.

Tony Britton, 155¾, Lewisham, outscored Al Neville, 155¾, Tottenham, six, 59-58.

▲ **HASTINGS — White Rock Pavilion —** It was the first promotion in this town in 40 years and, though the response was somewhat disappointing, local favorite Paul Huggins, 123½, showed a lot of promise in outpointing the experienced Glyn Davies, 126, Llanelli, eight. The score was 80-76½. Huggins didn't lose a round. He's 19 and Davies, the former Welsh bantam champ, is 37.

Winston Ho Shing, 137, Sheffield, kayoed southpaw Tony Davis, 137½, St. Mary Cray, with an out-of-the-blue right hand in round four.

Darwin Brewster, 148, Cardiff, outpointed Les Wint, 150, Tottenham, six, 60-58. Wint was floored in the fifth round.

Shaun Jones, 149½, Norwich, outscored Alan Cooper, 140, Brighton, eight, 79-77½. It was Cooper's first defeat.

Steve Farnsworth, 127, Sheffield, outpointed Paul Bolton, 141, four, 40-39½. The bout was rescheduled from six rounds because of the vast difference in weight.

▲ **NOTTINGHAM — Great International Sporting Club —** Tommy Taylor, 173, Hednesford, outpointed Peter Tidgewell, 174, Bradford, eight, 80-77½.

John Wiggins, 141, Nottingham, outscored Paul Murray, 146, Birmingham, six, 59-58½. Murray was down in round two.

Steve Fenton, 175, Leicester, outpointed Joe Frater, 177, Grimsby, six, 59½-58½.

Russell Humphreys, 161, Shrewsbury, and Mickey Kidd, 158, Wolverhampton, drew, six.

Dennis Sheehan, 148, Nottingham, halted Peter Stockdale, 150, Grimsby, in the second. The bout was stopped after the latter had been on the canvas.

▲ **LONDON — National Sporting Club —** Colin Wake, 138, Hull, gained revenge for a previous defeat by outpointing Eric Wood, Doncaster, eight, 79-77.

Gary Petty, 149, Hull, outscored Dill Collins, 148½, Llantwit Major, eight. Score: 79-77½.

Gerry McGrath, 149, Paddington, outpointed debutant Paul Kelly, Doncaster, six, 59-58½.

Mick Chmilowskj, 200½, Dagenham, TKO'd Eddie Vierling, 184, Southhampton, at 1:55 of the first round. The referee stepped in after Vierling had been down from a right hand.

▲ **BRADFORD — Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club —** Decked in round three by a right hand to the head, Kenny Webber, 151½, Manchester, got up to beat Terry Matthews, 159½, Swansea. The bout was stopped at the end of that round with the latter cut on the bridge of the nose from a clash of heads.

The injury required six stitches.

Mickey Durkin, 145, Bradford, outscored Frank McCord, 147, Swansea, six, 60-58. McCord was decked in the third round. Durkin had been inactive for two years.

Ken Foreman, 135, Hartlepool, halted Winston Ho Shing, 131, Sheffield. The bout was stopped in round two after Winston had been floored by a left to the head.

Willie Wright, 166, Birmingham, outscored Joe Dean, also 166, six, 59-58½.

▲ **BOLTON — Sports Centre —** Danny Lawford, 176, Manchester, halted substitute Chris Lawson, also 176, Pembroke, in the second. Lawson, the Welsh light heavyweight champion, had been knocked down twice.

Johnny Francis, 150, Manchester, stopped Chris Glover, 149, Liverpool, in four. Glover had been on the canvas twice.

Debutant Jonjo Green, 176, Manchester, outscored Paul Doyle, 180, Manchester, four, 40-38½. Green is one of those rarities these days—a boxer with no amateur experience.

Brain Anderson, 149, Sheffield, outpointed debutant Pete Sullivan, also 149, Plymouth, six, 60-58.

Paul Heatley, 176½, and Chuck Hirschmann, 177, drew, four. Both are from Manchester. When they met before, Chuck won on points.

Robert Wakefield, 134½, Rotherham, outscored John Lindo, 135, Bradford, six, 59-58½.

▲ **MERTHYR — Rhybycar Leisure Centre —** British welterweight champ Colin Jones, 148, Gorseinon, halted 32-year-old Clemente Tshinza, 147, Zaire, in the third round. Jones is still unbeaten.

Vernon Penprase, 127, Plymouth, and Sammy Sims, 128, Newport, drew, eight.

Tommy McCallum, 141, Edinburgh, outpointed Paul Wetter, 142, Newport, six, 59½-58½. This confirmed a previous win.

Doug James, 162, Swansea, halted Carl Daly, 165½, in round two.

Aneurin Williams, 174, Gilwen, made his pro debut by outpointing Lee White, 182, Morden, six, 59½-59.

David Miles, 124, Merthyr, outscored Carl Gaynor, 124½, Manchester, six, 59½-59.

▲ **SOUTHEND — 20th Century Sporting Club —** Pharoah Bish, 159, Putney, outscored Alan Hardiman, 152, Hemel Hempstead, six, in a terrific scrap. The score was 59½-58½, and nobbins were tossed in.

John Ridgeman, 154, Boreham Wood, halted Lance Hewitt, 156, Hackney, in 1:40 of the first. Ridgeman broke knuckles in both of his hands 12 months ago.

Jimmy Cable, 153, Orpington, halted Roger Ryder, 154½, Reading. Ryder retired at the end of round four with a bruised left eye.

Jimmy Smith, 147½, London, stopped debutant Ian Baker, 150, Brighton. The bout was stopped in round three after Baker had been knocked down twice.

Lee Hargie, 144, Brighton, outscored Delroy Pierce, 142½, Tottenham, six, 59½-59.

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TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG — Ellis Park Tennis Stadium —** Boxing with superb skill and grim determination, Gert Steyn regained the South African junior middleweight title with a 12-round points win over Bushy Bester.

Steyn took the fight to Bester from the opening bell and, despite being cut near the right eye in the fourth round, never once lost sight of his objective—to give Bushy the boxing lesson of his life.

Only in the ninth did Bester look like a champion, and Steyn later admitted that he was taking a breather before his storming finish. The decision was unanimous.

Charlie Weir knocked out Steve Michalerya in the second, junior middleweight. Michalerya shook Weir for a moment in the first round, but was dropped soon after. A right cross-left hook combo kayoed Michalerya in the folowing session.

Mike Koranicki toyed with Free State heavyweight Louis Hendriks in the first round and then stopped him in the second. This was a bad mismatch, and it reflects poorly on the Board of Control for having sanctioned it.

Sybrand Oelofse outscored Joseph Mokiti, four, lightweights.

Freddie Masemola halted Norman Hlalele, two, flyweights.

▲ **VEREENIGING — Showground Hall —** Harold Volbrecht won a narrow split decision over Joseph Lala to retain his South African welterweight title, 12.

Volbrecht looked jaded, and his timing was way off. Lala cut him on the right eyebrow in the third round and opened a gash near his left optic in the eighth.

Lala repeatedly caught Volbrecht with right hand bombs, but Harold made a last ditch stand in the late rounds. That is, apparently, what saved his title.

Scoring: judge Stan Christodoulou, 116-114, Volbrecht; judge Chris Myburgh, 117-114, Volbrecht; judge Stanley Vokwane, 117-113, Lala.

Martin Barnard knocked out James Mathatho, 10. Barnard thus retained his Transvaal light heavyweight title.

David Kambule outpointed Coenie Bekker, eight, middleweights.

Piet Crous stopped Daniel Mapanya, one, light heavyweights.

Joe Swazi halted Frikkie Van Niekerk, four, heavyweights.

BERT BLEWETT

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TERU-ISOGAMI
Japanese Bantamweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—Hurricane Teru has learned to hit hard at the age of 28. He needed only 2:24 of the first round to kayo the highly regarded Shuichi Isogami (the WBA's fifth ranked bantamweight) and retain his Japanese national throne.

A beautiful right cross to the temple knocked down Isogami shortly after the opening bell. He got up quickly, but his legs were rubbery, and another right hand, after some aggressive combinations, put him down again. Isogami beat the count again and tried to hold, but Teru caught him with a sharp left hook to the temple that put him down for the third time. Referee Hiroyuki Tezaki stopped the contest under the three knockdown rule, making Hurricane the winner by a knockout.

It was Teru's second defense. He won the crown by stopping Hitochi Ishigaki in nine rounds last May. Teru is now 33-9-3 with kayoes. Isogami, 23, is now 22-3-3 with 17 knockouts.

Weights: Teru, 118; Isogami, 117½. Both are 5'5" in height.

Southpaw Koji Kobayashi, 115, the Japanese Boxing Commission's sixth ranked flyweight, made good use of his 5'7" frame. He floored Hirohisa Iino, 114, once in the fifth round and twice more in the sixth before he scored a kayo in 3:02 of the latter session. Kobayashi is now 10-1-2 with six knockouts. Iino is 7-6-1 with two kayoes. It was scheduled for 10.

Eiji Amino, 115¼, eked out a majority decision over Naojiro Toda, 115, eight. Scoring: Shimakawa, 78-77; Morita, 79-77; Kanaya, 78-78.

Four-rounders: Kikuo Nodate, 118, won a majority decision over Kazuo Katsuma, 116¾. Southpaw Masao Ohara, 111½, won a majority decision over Noboru Jin, 112. Kazuyoshi Hirai, 111¾, won unanimous decision over southpaw Hiroshi Ito, 111¼. Kazuo Nakada, 126, won a unanimous (40-36 on all cards) decision over Ichiro Okano, 122¾. Hiroyuki Nakao, 118½, halted Isamu Hirabayashi, 118, in 0:39 of the first round in the opener.

Co-promoted by Ishikawa and Shinto Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,500 (capacity at Korakuen Hall).

JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Jackal Maruyama, 114¾, became the first Japanese national junior bantamweight champ by knocking out Satoshi Koguchi, 115, in 1:26 of the fifth round. Merciless punches to the face stretched Koguchi out unconscious in the scheduled 10-round affair.

Maruyama stalked the taller, lanky Koguchi from the second round on. Koguchi, 23, won the All-Japan Amateur High School championship and scored 61 consecutive wins before turning pro in November, 1979. Maruyama, four years older, caught him repeatedly with jolting left hooks, shaking Koguchi up effectively and winning rounds two, three, and four.

A barrage of lefts and rights to the face when Koguchi was caught on the ropes in the fifth session stretched him for the count. Koguchi collapsed, face first, rolled over and layed flat. Referee Ken Morita could have counted to 200.

Maruyama is now 15-4-2 with eight kayoes. Koguchi is 4-2 with four knockouts. The new champ is a brutal banger.

Former national flyweight champion Koichi Maki, 112, lost to a newcomer from Mexico named Rafael (Tokyo) Morales, also 112, via unanimous decision in the supporting 10-rounder. Morales' superior infighting just befuddled Maki. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa and judge Shoichi Uchida, both 99-96; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 98-95—all for Morales. Morales, who was brought here by Masaki Kanehira, is now 16-3-2 with eight kayoes. Maki is now 21-11-4 with five kayoes. He also has fought one "no contest."

Four-rounders: Yasuo Hasegawa, 134½, dropped Miharu Muto, 135, with a good right hand in the third to win a close but unanimous decision in their East-Japan *Shinjin-o* semi-final bout. Yukiharu Yamamoto, 129, won a shutout unanimous decision over Yoshihiro Mizunoe, 130. Chikara Maejima, 120¾, won unanimous decision over Kenzo Ishibashi, 121½. Koichi Nose, 130, won unanimous decision (all cards 40-37) over Toshiyuki Ando, 128¾. Tadayoshi Yamashita, 115¾, won unanimous decision over Chihiro Kajikawa, 117. Junichi Hashimoto, 108, stopped Minoru Imai, 107¾, in 2:55 of the first round in the curtain raiser.

Co-promoted by JRJ Kokusai and Center Sports Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,000.

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Korean junior middleweight champion Sang-Ho Lee, 155, a rugged southpaw, made his first appearance here, and was held to a disputed split draw by former Japanese middleweight boss Tsutomu (Dynamite) Matsuo, also 155, 10.

Referee Yosaku Yoshida scored the brutal affair 97-97, while judge Paul Field had it 97-95, Matsuo, and judge Shoji Nakamori saw it 99-96, Lee. This reporter had it 97-96 for the more aggressive Lee, who is now 10-5-2 with eight kayoes. Matsuo is 17-8-4 with 15 knockouts.

Hikaru Tomonari, 130, the WBA's fifth ranked junior lightweight, TKO'd southpaw Ken Sogo, 129¾, at 3:00 of the seventh round. Referee Ken Morita stopped the contest after Sogo was dropped twice in the fatal round. Scoring through six rounds: Morita, 60-54; judge Shoji Nakamori and Kodai Kumazaki, both 59-57—all for the 5'8" Tomonari.

Tomonari, 24, is now 16-4-1 with eight kayoes. Sogo is 8-21-1 with six knockouts.

Kazuaki Yukawa, 129½, a 37-year-old rookie, and Kazutoshi Ishibashi, 128½, 13 years his junior, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Tamasaburo Yamada, 107½, eked out a majority decision over Kimiaki Kamata, 108. Makoto Ariwara, 108, knocked out Masayuki Nakamura, also 108, with body punches in 2:32 of the second round. Kazuki Nishiura, 126, made his pro debut by halting Koichi Mita, also 126 and also making his pro debut, at 1:43 of the second. Takeshi Mitsuru, 122, kayoed Susumu Ariwara, 121¼, in 2:41 of the first round. Noritetsu Kato, 108, knocked out Yoshito Toriumi, also 108, in 2:50 of the first. Yoshiteru Yukie, 120¾, outpointed Toshifumi Fujiwara, 122. Masahito Wada, 120½, stopped Naofum Umeda, 121, in 1:43 of the first round in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. (No telecast.)

Attendance—1,500.

▲ **HAMAMATSU—City Gymnasium—**Former national bantamweight champion Joe Araki, 120¾, was halted by Sanji Ito, 121½, the JBC's fourth ranked junior featherweight, at 1:12 of the eighth. Ito is now 10-4 with six kayoes. Araki is 29-12-3 with 10 knockouts.

Keizo Kurebayashi, 131¾, and Kojiro Sasaki, 131, fought to a majority draw in their 10-round companion 10. Scoring: referee Kiyoaki Kurume, 97-97; judge Koichi Ushida, 98-98; judge Makimura, 99-98, Sasaki. Kurebayashi is now 14-4-4 with five kayoes. Sasaki is 13-11-7 with five knockouts.

Yoshihiko Kawahira, 112, the JBC's eighth ranked junior bantamweight, was held to a majority draw (80-80, 77-77,and 78-77, Kawahira) by Tsutomu Kawakami, also 112, eight. The 80-80 score meant that all rounds were even. Maybe so. It was a pretty dull affair.

Takeshi Fukui, 132½, knocked out Kenji Kuroshio, 132, in 2:44 of the sixth and final round.

Four-rounders: Kenjiro Kawai, 127¾, kayoyed Eiji Miura, 126¼, in 1:20 of the fourth and final session. Shigenori Kamiyama, 111, stopped Joe Sato, 110¼, in 2:58 of the third in the curtain raiser.

Promoted by Saion Boxing Club. (No telecast.)

Attendance—3,100.

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium—**Sensational southpaw puncher Jiro Watanabe, 115½, extended his unbeaten mark to 10-0 with seven kayoes. He survived a knockdown in the first round, fought back hard, and won a unanimous decision over Thailand's Pactai Lipoviatan, 115½, 10.

Watanable, an ex-Kemp (a kind of karate) black belt, made his pro debut in March, 1979. He won the All-Japan *Shinjin-o* by halting Koji Kobayashi in the first round, and was named "Best *Shinjin-o* of the Year" this February.

His triumph over Thai junior flyweight champion Chukthep Chuvatana put Jiro into the WBA's top 10 junior flyweights. This was a mistake, however, as the 5'5" Watanabe, 25, was then a flyweight. Within a short time, he was in the "junior bantam" class.

Referee Kiyoaki Kurume tabbed the Watanabe-Lipoviatan bout 99-91, while judges Nobumitsu Inukai and Teruo Fujita had it 99-92 and 98-93, respectively, all for the Japanese rookie. It was Lipovitan's first defeat. He's now 16-1 with four kayoes.

Mitsuo Kushikino, 146, the JBC's third ranked welter, halted Kazumi Nakao, 145¾, Nagoya, the number five contender, in 2:59 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. The referee was Ryoji Kashiwagi, who scored the affair 30-26 after three rounds. Kushikino is now 13-10 with eight kayoes. Nakao is 9-9-1 with six knockouts.

Southpaw Yoshiji Watanabe, 125½, halted Shoji Okubo, 124¼, at 0:36 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Watanabe is now 4-1-2 with three kayoes. Okubo, who has a vulnerable jaw, is 8-6-3 with two knockouts.

Four-rounders: Sumihiro Suda, 131, knocked out Shizuo Yamanaka, 133¼, in 1:47 of the first round. Hiroshi Shimizu, 132¾, kayoed Suejiro Kuramura, 133¼, in 0:57 of the fourth and final session. Osamu Kasaya, 125¾, won unanimous decision over Kenji Miyagi, 126, in the opener.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. (No telecast.)

Attendance — 3,100.

▲ **YOKAHAMA—Cultural Gymnasium—**Light punching Ken Kasugai, 111½, TKO'd Shinji Suga, 112, Nagoya, at 1:03 of the sixth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. A bad cut forced the stoppage.

Scoring after five rounds: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 50-45; judges Paul Field and Shoji Nakamori, both 49-45—all for Kasugai. He's now 5-0-1 with one stoppage. Suga is 14-3-5 with four kayoes.

Katsuyuki Ohashi, 118, won a unanimous decision over mediocre southpaw Yasuo Azato, 117½, 10. Scoring: referee Paul Field, 98-94; judges Yusaku Yoshida and Kazuo Abe, 99-95, and 98-96, respectively. Ohashi is a local favorite.

Yoshiyuki Nojima, 108, outscored Masao Miyauchi, also 108, eight.

Tadao Yamane, 128, stopped Taira Oshimizu, also 128, at 2:06 of the second round in their scheduled sixer.

Four-rounders: Susumu Asari, 129, outpointed Kaoru Kato, 128. Saburo Tobii, 113¾, outscored Kazuya Tsubouchi, 115. Shuichi Yamamoto, 137, outpointed Junshiro Fukagawa, 136¾, in the opener.

Kyoei Kawai Promotions. (No telecast.)

Attendance—2,500.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Noboru Hatakeyama, regained the Japanese junior welterweight title with a TKO over Eiichi Fukumoto, 139½, at 1:53 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10-round return bout.

Fukumoto dethroned Hatakeyama with a wicked overhand right hand to the temple in the fourth round in September, 1979. This time, Fukumoto suffered a bad gash near the left eyebrow in the second round, and referee Takeshi Shimakawa called a halt after several examinations by the JBC physician. Fukumoto, bleeding, tried to score a kayo, but in vain.

Hatakeyama, 27, bobbed and weaved and scored with short blows on the wild swinging Fukumoto, also 27. The official scores, through five rounds, were as follows: referee Shimakawa, 59-58; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 59-57; judge Ken Morita, 59-58—all for Hatakeyama.

Sixteen days before the bout, Hatakeyama's manager, Ozaki, died of a heart attack. This only strengthened Noboru's resolve to regain the title—as a tribute to his manager.

Hatakeyama is now 19-6-1 with six kayoes. Fukumoto is 14-4 with 10 knockouts.

Tricky southpaw Tsuguyuki Toma, 119¼, the JBC's fifth ranked junior bantam, was a sudden sub, but fought to a draw with lefty Noboru Ishimine, 120½, 10.

Four-rounders: Keiichi Yamamoto, 124¼, knocked out Katsumi Chida, 126, in 0:59 of the third round. Shigeru Kawaita, 135¼, TKO'd Hisashi Suzuki, 135½, in 2:45 of the second. Ryoku Genshi, 124¼, outpointed Toshinari Wachi, 125. Masami Inatomi, 125, and Akihisa Yu, 125½, drew. Kiyomasa Kato, 140, demolished Yukihiro Fukunaga, also 140, in 1:18 of the first round. Shin Miura, 119, stopped Hitoshi Hasegawa, 119¾, in 1:34 of the second. Shinroku Kosaka, 108, outscored Kazunori Maeyama, also 108. Makoto Fujishima, 108, and Kokichi Yamamoto, also 108, drew. Masahiro Sasaki, 117 ½, knocked out Kenichi Yabe, also 117½, in 1:10 of the third round. Soichi Ono, 117½, halted Wataru Fukushi, also 117 ½, at 1:58 of the first frame in the opener.

Co-promoted by Ozaki, Aoki, Misako, and SB Ishimaru Promotions.

Attendance—1,400.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** The finals of the East-Japan *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tournaments were held in nine weight classes. The winners will face the champions of the West-Japan zone two months from now.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Unbeaten Takamichi Yamaga, 108, a stablemate of Yoko Gushiken, won a shutout unanimous decision over short southpaw Isao Kimura, 105¾, six. Scores: 60-56 (twice), 60-55. The 18-year-old Yamaga is now 4-0 with no kayoes.

FLYWEIGHT: Free swinging Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 111¾, 7-2-1 with three kayoes, eked out a majority decision over Mitsuo Imazato, also 111¾, 6-2 with one kayo, six. Scores: 59-58, 59-57, 59-58. A final session spurt was the deciding factor.

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF JANUARY 16, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
James Callaghan
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Kenji Shibata
3. Masahide Kitamura
4. Tsumoru Okamoto
5. Gensui Murakami

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Mitsuo Kushikino
2. Naoto Suzuki
3. Minoru Ono
4. Tarzan Tobaru
5. Warrior Hanada
6. Mamoru Hanada

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Yohi Arai
3. Katsuhiro Sawada
4. Kazumi Nakao

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Noboru Hatakeyama
1. Jyoken Narita
2. Eiichi Fukumoto
3. Minoru Sugiya
4. Kazunori Shiratori
5. Nobutaka Kuwata
6. Kirk Fujimoto
7. Fire Kaneda
8. Tatsuya Moriyasu
9. Hayao Shiba

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
2. Katsuhiro Okubo
3. Tadao Ishido
4. Mitsuo Ohashi
5. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
6. Hirofumi Mochizuki
7. Tadashi Suginaga
8. Gen Akutsu
9. Takeshi Mine

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yasutsune Uehara
1. Masa Ito
2. Gen Tosa
3. Yoshitaka Ikehara
4. Blazer Okubo
5. Shigeyuki Otake
6. Keizo Kurebayashi
7. Kojiro Sasaki
8. Takeshi Hamada
9. Ken Sogo
10. Norio Maruuchi

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Koichi Matsushima
2. Yoshimitsu Azato
3. Jonny Fujimoto
4. Katsuji Sano
5. Hiroshi Gonohe
6. Tomio Nakamura
7. Fusao Imai
8. Yasuhide Takahashi
9. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Bunji Ando
2. Yukio Segawa
3. Kenichi Ito
4. Sanji Ito
5. Kiyoshi Nagashima
6. Naoki Kobayashi
7. Hirokazu Fukui
8. Noboru Ishimine
9. Jyo Araki
10. Jyo Tatsuki

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurricane Teru
1. Yuji Oka
2. Takashi Uezu
3. Hitoshi Ishigaki
4. Takeshi Ryu
5. Tsuguyuki Toma
6. Katsuyuki Ohashi
7. Masaru Yamamoto
8. Kenzo Takasugi

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jackal Maruyama
1. Satoru Koguchi
2. Hitoshi Ohashi
3. Takeshisa Nakajima
4. Kazumi Sato
5. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
6. Tsutomu Itokazu
7. Yasuo Azato
8. Hirohisa Iino
9. Kazuhiko Kawahira

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Koki Ishii
2. Koichi Maki
3. Nobuyuki Watanabe
4. Ken Kasugai
5. Koji Kobayashi
6. Shinji Suga
7. Toshihiro Okumoto
8. Goichi Oshi
9. Masaru Fuji

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Masaharu Inami
1. Hiroyuki Tada
2. Tadashi Tomori
3. Katsuo Tokashiki
4. Guraman Ueda
5. Phoenix Taniguchi
6. Puma Koya
7. Keisuke Yuguchi
8. Kazuyoshi Funaki
9. Yoshiaki Nojima

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Yasutsune Uehara (junior lightweight), Shoji Oguma (flyweight), Yoko Gushiken (junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior middleweight), Ryu Fukida (junior lightweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Hikaru Tomonari (#4 WBA junior lightweight), Tenyu Maruki (#9 WBA featherweight), Yu Kasahara (#7 WBA junior featherweight), Syuichi Isogami (#8 WBA bantamweight), Shigeo Nakajima (#7 WBC junior flyweight; #9 WBA flyweight), Jiro Watanabe (#10 WBA junior flyweight), Syuichi Hozumi (#6 WBA junior flyweight).

BANTAMWEIGHT: Very tricky Kazuo Osamu, 117½, won a unanimous decision over Yoichi Ota, also 117½, six. Scores: 60-58 (twice), 60-57. Osamu, 19, is still undefeated—6-0-1 with one kayo.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Fast moving southpaw Keiji Kawamura, 122, won a unanimous decision (60-57, 60-56, 59-57) over Masahide Ikehara, also 122, six. Kawamura, 25, is now 5-1 with one kayo.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Promising, hard hitting Tomoharu Yamamoto, 125¾, ran his record to 5-0 (all kayoes), stopping Terumi Higashiogiwara, 125, in 2:54 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Yamamoto, 19, was named Best *Shinjin-o* winner of the East-Japan zone tournament. He dropped his opponent with lefts and rights, and referee Yusaku Yoshida tolled the full count on the second knockdown.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Hard punching Taijiro Niiyama, 129, flattened Masaharu Owada, 130, in 0:42 of the sixth and final canto. Niiyama, an excellent amateur in his high school days, is now 5-0 as a pro, with three kayoes. Owada's superior height and reach didn't bother Niiyama, who will go far if he can acquire greater stamina.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Yasuo Hasegawa won by default when Nobuyuki Chisaka was unable to appear because of a wound suffered during training.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: Clever, counterpunching Fujio Ozaki, 138½, won a close unanimous decision (58-57 (twice), 58-56) over Yoshifumi Takeyama, 139½, six. Ozaki, 19, is now 4-0 with two kayoes. He ran out of gas in the later rounds, but still managed to win.

WELTERWEIGHT: Solid punching Ikuya Toshinai, 146, halted Shigeki Yoshino, also 146, with a wicked right hand in the opening session. Toshinai, 24, is now 5-1 with four kayoes. (Both finalists belonged to Yonekura Club—a unique case.) Scheduled four-rounder.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Kazuhiko Yasuda, 156¾, scored a lucky knockdown in the first round and won a majority decision over Shinji Tojo, 158, four.

Promoted by East-Japan Boxing *Kyokai* (Association).
Tokyo Channel 12.
Attendance—1,800.

▲ **HOFU — City Gymnasium** — Former Japanese junior lightweight champion Masa Ito, 132¾, knocked out Atomic Kurusu, 131¾, Hiroshima, in 1:51 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Ito, 33, is a unique man. He's an "honor" of the Yamaguchi Kyoei Club and a promoter. He himself is featured in the main events.

A double right knocked Kurusu down in the fatal round. He took the mandatory eight count, got up, and was overwhelmed by Ito. Referee Kazumasa Kuwada then gave Kurusu a standing count, and continued counting on to 10.

Yohi Arai, 146¾, halted Kenzo Nishi, 146¾, Hofu, in 3:09 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Kenzo Takasugi, 119, the JBC's seventh ranked bantam, was held to a draw by Ryuichi Azuma, 118¾, six.

Four-rounders: Hirohiko Yamagata, 125, outpointed Tsutomu Sakumoto, 124. Kenji Noguchi, 110½ , stopped Hatsuo Mitsudo, 111¾, in 1:05 of the second. Jun Yamaguchi, 125¾, and Tadashi Matsumura, 126, drew in the card opener.

Masa Ito's Yamaguchi Kyoei Promotions.
Attendance—400.

▲ **OITA Prefectural Gymnasium** —Ataru Hakutsu, 159, knocked out Masahiro Inoue, 157, in 0:39 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Goichi Shimizu, 116½, kayoed Mitsuo Shimokawa, 117¾, in 3:02 of the fifth round in the other eight-round bout.

Four-rounders: Masaki Sono, 112¾, and Toshinori Furumoto, 113½, drew. Masahito Wakamoto, 128¾, and Masato Yoshida, 127¾, drew. Minoru Nagata, 134, outpointed Hisaya Anan, 132¼. Masaji Fujiwara, 144¼, outscored Tomohiro Nagao, 143¼. Hiroteru Sakamoto, 112½, halted Yoshitami Mori, 110¼, in 1:03 of the first. Masaji Tamura, 145¼, kayoed Yoichi Ando, 144½, in 1:58 of the first round in the curtain raiser.

Oita Promotions.
Attendance—4,500.

▲ **OSAKA — Prefectural Gymnasium** — *Shingin-o* winners of the Osaka and the Nagoya zones met in sizzling bouts that hugely entertained the crowd.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Lord Mitsuru, 107, stretched his log to 5-0 (three kayoes) with a unanimous decision over Yasuo Tsunekawa, 105½, six. Scores; 60-54 (twice), 60-55.

FLYWEIGHT: Southpaw Takashi Yamashita, 111¼, knocked out Yasuhiro Kinoshita, 111, with a left hook to the jaw in 1:29 of the first round in a scheduled six-rounder. Yamashita is now 6-1 with three kayoes.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Kazuhiro Satoyama, 117, won a unanimous decision over Akimitsu Kuribayashi, also 117, six. Scores: 59-58 (twice), 58-57. Satoyama is now 3-0 with one kayo. Kuribayashi had been undefeated.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Hiroaki Kato, 120¾, won a close but unanimous decision over Chiso Kanayama, also 120¾, six. Scores: 58-57, 59-56, 58-56. Kanayama was penalized a point for a bad butt in the fourth round.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Takashi Otsuka, 133½, the oldest fighter on the card at 28, was knocked out in the fourth round by Norimasa Kakegawa, 133¾. A wicked left hook dropped Otsuka in the fourth. He got up, but was battered and declared a kayo loser at 2:51 of the session. Otsuka is now 2-1 with two knockouts.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: Hidekazu Akai, 139¾, scored his second kayo in as many pro bouts. He took only 31 seconds to flatten Taigoro Taniguchi 140. Akai would have gone to Moscow for the Olympics, but Japan withdrew from the Games.

WELTERWEIGHT: Noboru Kawaguchi, 144½, and Hisatomo Kitazaki, 146½, drew, six. The former's aggressiveness, however, earned him the right to go on in the tournament—a victory, of sorts, for him.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Hard punching Shigeo Haku, 157, stopped Hiroyuki Goto, 154¼, in 0:32 of the first round.

There were no bouts in the featherweight and junior lightweight classes. The contestants withdrew due to injuries.

The winners are scheduled to face the Kyushu zone victors in Fukuoka. The winners there will face the East-Japan zone champs for All-Japan *Shinjin-o* honors.

▲ **NOTES** — Yoko Gushiken was selected Japanese "Fighter of The Year" by the Boxing Section of the Sports-writers' Club for the fifth consecutive year. Eijiro Murata won the "Best Technique" Award. He's still unbeaten, holds the OPBF bantamweight title, and fought a disputed draw with WBC ruler Lupe Pintor on June 11.

The "Valuable Victory" Award was shared by Shoji Oguma and Yasutsune Uehara. Ogma won the WBC flyweight crown by knocking out Chan-Hee Park in the ninth round on May 18. Uehara scored a kayo over Samuel Serrano in the Sixth round in Detroit on August 2. He's the "Cinderella Kid" of boxing. His win, like Shoji's, was an upset.

The award for "Efforts" went to Shigeo Nakajima, who dethroned WBC junior junior flyweight champion Sung-Jun Kim on January 3. Nakajima, however, was dethroned in his first defense by Hilario Zapata on March 24.

Unbeaten southpaw Jiro Watanabe was given the "Rockie Citation" due to the remarkable progress he showed beating Thai newcomers Chukthep Chuvatana (Thai national junior flyweight champion) and Pactai Lipovitan (the WBC's 10th ranked junior bantam). Jiro is now 10-0 with seven kayoes.

Akio Kameda won the "Knockout" Award. Kameda, the Japanese welterweight kingpin, is now 15-0 with 14 knockouts. The tall lefty defended his own crown thrice in 1980, finishing all inside the distance.

The WBA junior flyweight title bout between Yoko Gushiken and Martin Vargas on June 1 was unanimously named "Fight of The Year."

Yasuhiko Soejima of Chuoh University was named "Best Amateur Boxer of The Year." A hard hitter, Soejima will reportedly turn pro in the near future.

Former OPBF junior middleweight champion Tsutomu Hagusa announced his retirement from boxing on November 30. The 28-year-old puncher made his pro debut on November 12, 1969. He won the OPBF crown from Jae-Keun Yim in Kokura City on November 20, 1976, defended it against Armando Boniquit on May 14, 1977, Joo Ho on November 12 of the same year.

His last fight was in Korea on April 7, 1980, when OPBF welterweight kingpin Chung-Jae Hwang knocked him out in the third.

Hagusa was a brutal, walk-in banger who did not bother too much about defense.

Former Japanese lightweight champion Masahiro Yokai has decided to return to competition. he had decided to retire after losses to Sang-Hyun Kim and Noboru Hatakeyama.

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL Munhwa Gymnasium** — Chung-Jae Hwang, 21 years old and 5'10" in height, retained his OPBF welter crown by stopping Mike de Guzman of the Philippines in 2:09 of the third session in their scheduled 12-rounder. Hwang is now 13-0 with 12 kayoes. He's ranked fifth among the welters by the WBC, but needs to be tested by name fighters from outside the Orient. There just aren't that many good fighters in the heavier divisions in the Asian countries.

▲ **SEOUL Munhwa Gymnasium** — Korean national flyweight champion Sok-Chul Bae has relinquished his title to the KBC. He's now rated top in the 115-pound division.

Bae, 116½, won a unanimous decision over Japanese newcomer Hitoshi Ohashi, 116¼, the JBC's third ranked junior bantamweight. Bae dropped the 5'7" Ohashi in the ninth round with a right.

▲ **SEOUL — Munhwa Gymnasium** — Former amateur star Chul-Sung Hwang, 121¾, won a close decision over Kenichi Ito, 123½, Japan's top junior featherweight, 10. It was Hwang's second pro contest. Hwang is fast and skillful, but he hasn't got much power.

▲ **SEOUL — Munhwa Gymnasium** — Ahn Hyun, 127¾, knocked out Sanji Ito, 127½, Japan, in 1:02 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder.

PHILIPPINES

▲ **QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—Willie Lucas won an upset split decision over Korea's Soon-Hyun Chung, 12, and took the latter's OPBF junior feather title. Referee Yusaku Yoshida (Japan) and judge Villacampa (Philippines) gave their ballots to Lucas, 117-115 and 119-113, respectively. Korean judge Jae-Reun Kim had it 118-115, Chung.

There were no knockdowns, but the crowd saw an exciting contest. The Filipino made good use of his 3½" reach advantage, kept his distance, and outjabbed the crouching champion. Willie took the lead in the first half of the bout, but Soon-Hyun came back with jolting lefts and rights. The ref took away a crucial point from Chung for butting.

Chung's left eye was half closed, but he fought back hard. The younger Lucas relied on his speciality—a left jab to the face and a right uppercut to the midsection—to take the verdict and the title.

A rematch is in order.

Attendance—3,000.

▲ **QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—William Develos, 115, won the OPBF junior bantamweight title with a split decision over Yung-Shik Kim, 114, Korea, in 12 speedy rounds.

Kim, 29 (six years Develos' senior) floored the Filipino with a well-timed right uppercut midway in the second round. Develos quickly changed his strategy, however, and boxed Kim from the outside thereafter. The change in tactics was effective, as the champ seemed quite befuddled after that.

Referee Larry Nadayag and Col. Alfredo Quiazonboth, both of the Philippines, saw Develos as the winner by 58-54. Korean judge Young-Chung Choi had it 59-55, Kim.

Larry Enriquez, 117, a majority decision over Allan Jardenil, 116½, in a supporting 10.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.

▲ **CEBU CITY—**Nilo Acid, 134, won the Filipino national lightweight crown by knocking out Tony Flores, also 134, the defending champ, in the 10th canto of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Lord Esmero, 108, won by a disqualification over Little Carupo, 108¼, in the semi-final bout.

Jesus Abrea, promoter.

▲ **MANILA—**Rey Naduma, Jr., 120, scored an upset TKO over Filipino junior featherweight champ Ric Diamale, 122, in the ninth round of their 12-round title bout. Naduma, the new champ, won the praise of the crowd.

Ten-rounders: Fillipino middleweight champion Joe Willisco, 156, won a unanimous decision over Erning Marin, 155 (non-title). Elmer Valenzuela, 117, eked out a split decision over Oscar Gonzales, 116. Joe Francisco, 126½, TKO'd Dado Bersabal, 127, in the fifth round. Jun Diamale, 119, TKO'd Raffy Tadia, 117½, in the seventh.

Arturo Cayetano, promoter.

▲ **DAVAO CITY—**Filipino featherweight champion Cesar Ligan, 124, stopped Tim Ontic, 122, in the fifth round of scheduled non-title 10.

Gar Atayde, 140, halted Romeo Sjonia, also 140, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.

▲ **QUEZON CITY—**Former WBC junior flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, 113, was held to a split draw by Brigildo Canada, also 113, 10.

Gener Cruz, 125½, won a split decision over Joe Francisco, also 125½, 10.

Pablo Pepito, 114½, won a split duke over Fel Aporto, 115, in the first tenner of the evening.

Felimon Vasquez, promoter.

▲ **MANILA—**Manneseh Base, 112, won a unanimous decision over Rodrigo Saonoy, 115, 10.

Arthur Cayetano, promotor.

▲ **GEN SANTOS CITY—**Five 10-rounders headlined.

Jun Escalera, 134, won unanimous decision over Al Rodrigo, 135. Henry Pepito, 118, TKO'd Allan Ali, 119, in the fifth round. Veteran Billy Abato, 118, was held to a majority draw by Flash Jagdon, 116. Overweight junior feather Sonny Carupo, 125, dropped an astonishing decision to up-and-coming Jong Jong Pacquing, also 125. (This triumph gave Pacquing Honorable Mention" in the next GAB ratings.) Nacias Franciso, 129, TKO'd Joel Insular, 134, in the seventh of the card's first 10.

▲ **QUEZON CITY—**Joval de Rama, 127½, TKO'd Baby Francisco, 126¾, in seventh canto of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Roland Mendoza, promoter.

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—**Joe Lim, 139½, won a unanimous decision over Willie Makitoki, 140, 10.

Lino Bernadas, 142, copped a split duke over Moises Cantoja, 138½, 10.

Bobby Berna, 119½, won a unanimous decision over Rocky Arsenio, 120, 10.

Jesus Abrea, promoter.

▲ **ANGELS CITY—**Romy Cunanan, 130, won a unanimous decision over Boy Reyes, also 130, 10.

Lito Pena, 134, TKO'd Dony Soriano in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—**Alberto Cruz, 150, won a unanimous decision over former Filipino junior middleweight champ Armando Boniquit, also 150, 10.

Tomasa Pamilosa, promoter.

▲ **NOTES—**The Filipino Games and Amusements Board named William Develos "Fighter of the Month" for his victory over Yunk-Shik Kim for the OPBF junior bantamweight title.

FILIPINO RATINGS BY THE FILIPINO GAMES & AMUSEMENTS BOARD (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1980)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Joe Willisco
1. Peter Piatmonte

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Aquilino Nicolas, Jr.
1. Alberto Cruz
2. Armando Boniquit
3. Ramon Dionisio

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike de Guzman
1. Danilo Limpahan
2. Leo Dolotallas
3. Fred Pastor
4. Fred Galang
5. Lino Bernadas
6. Dan de Guzman
7. Fernando Gloria
8. William Mardizon
9. Eddie (Boy) Oposa
10. Rocky Anobling

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Edward Heneral
1. Joe Lim
2. Young de la Cruz
3. Willie Makitoki
4. Moises Cantoja
5. Al Rodrigo
6. Flash Romeo
7. Gar Atayde
8. Johnny Tam
9. Tony Flores
10. Romy Angeles

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Nilo Acido
1. Lito Pena
2. Jun Escalera
3. Nardito Adrayan
4. Max (Boy) Toyogon
5. Dario Melida
6. Dony Soriano
7. Romeo Olivetti
8. Rod de los Santos
9. Lito Albarico
10. Ric Dolotallas

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Nene Jun
1. Francis Camatagn
2. Geron Porras
3. Tomas Bernales
4. Erning Grafe
5. Deo Rabago
6. Eddie Ballaran
7. Boy Reyes
8. Fel Salvador
9. Dodong Tromata
10. Rod Sequenan

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Caesar Ligan
1. Gener Cruz
2. Dommy Marolena
3. Joe Francisco
4. Romy Cunanan
5. Joval de Rama
6. Eddie Camero
7. Melching Makilan
8. Nacias Francisco
9. Max Balaba
10. Divino Inocian

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Rey Naduma, Jr.
1. Neptali Alamag
2. Jong Jong Pacquing
3. Rene Cruz, Jr.
4. Ric Ciamale
5. Manny Sacay
6. Rudy Patalinhug
7. Nestor Miraflor
8. Chito Adigue
9. Ernie Pinon
10. Jerry Escolano

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Ronald Sumalis
2. Bobby Berna
3. Bill Abato
4. Henry Pepito
5. Dede Suaybaguio
6. Jun Diamale
7. Carlos Aradora
8. Tim Ontic
9. Leo Kaki
10. Eddie Miral

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Diego de Villa
1. Pablo Pepito
2. Danilo Inocian
3. Rolando Rosuento
4. Little Aguilar
5. Elmer Valenzuela
6. Antonio Pacupia
7. Flash Jagdon
8. Little Bangoyan
9. Allan Jardenil
10. Jimmy Boy

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Frank Cedeno
1. Lito Cortez
2. Jun Garcia
3. Melchor Degsi
4. Dommy Pumar
5. Fel Malatag
6. Mac Espanola
7. Little Baguio
8. Ver Libradilla
9. Ernesto Mata
10. Yuri Santos

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Siony Carupo
1. Mannaseh Base
2. Juanito Ablaca
3. Jun Resma
4. Nardo Calugay
5. Flor Obina
6. Lord Esmero
7. Henry Balina
8. Ric Barimbad
9. Nick Mitra
10. Deo Mindoro

Filipino boxers holding OPBF titles: Willie Lucas (junior featherweight), William Develos (junior bantamweight).

Other Filipino boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Johnny Sato (#5 WBC junior lightweight), Rey Tam (#8 WBC junior lightweight), Lulu Villaverde (#10 WBC featherweight).

THAILAND

▲ **SAKOL NAKHON—Sakolwityanukul Stadium—**Former WBC junior flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, 112, knocked out Korean newcomer Dae-Chun Park, also 112, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Referee Sakda Sonaseng, judge Dejpan Amatyakul and judge Suebpong Sriprasert all gave all the first four rounds to Vorasingh, The short Thai southpaw overwhelmed Park from the start.

Attendance—6,500.

▲ **UBOL RATCHATHANI—Ubol Boxing Stadium—**Vichit Muangroi-et, 124, knocked out Tomio Nakamura, 123, Japan, in 1:29 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Vichien Santhanonchai, judge Lt. Sophon Tasuwan, and judge Vichai Srichamras all had 80-72 scores for Vichit through the first eight rounds.

Attendance—2,000.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Chutmongkol Thairungriang, 112, outscored Borvonmongkol Singchaovang, 111, six.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Suban Muangsurin, 118, outpointed Prasong Sithkempetch, also 118, six.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Thai bantamweight champion Sakda Saksuree, 122, easily stopped Mahittidech Chaiprasert, also 122, in round two. Sakda's title was not at stake.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Hard hitting Dechumnaoy Sighthanongsak, 126, polished off Sakluacha Kijbumroong, 127, midway in the second.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Prabthoranee Looklumpakchee, 119, knocked out Achen Sukothai, 120, in the third round. Sukothai's lack of training was the reason.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Kongrug Vocharenrat, 140, won the Thai national junior welterweight title, stopping champ Thom Singthanongsakdi, slso 140, in the third round of their scheduled 10-round title bout. Thom had been ranked second by the OPBF.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Rising southpaw Ratanachai Punvit, 112, halted Moragot Sithtangky, 110, in the third round.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Den Chunvatana, 115, made his non-kick boxing debut and stopped Koji Watanabe, 116, Japan, in the third round. This reporter, living in Japan, has never heard of Watanabe. He may also be from the kick boxing field.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sakdisamai Chorsirirat, 122, demolished Thangchai Sithkrulum, also 122, in the third.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Kongkiat Sithmanun, 124, dropped an upset duke to rookie Nguhaolek Lookarkasyothin, 126, six.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Prasong Sithkempetch, 119, won a unanimous decision over Sombutr Chuvatana, also 119, six. Chuvatana was the TBC's seventh ranked junior bantam, and had entered the squared circle as a comfortable favorite.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Rakchat Kiatvayupak, 132, TKO'd Thanongsuk Uthakit, also 132, in the fifth round.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Sansakdi Sithlukmuang, 126, knocked out Manus Lo-Ngerng, also 126, in the second round. This was a great upset.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Umnag Singjinda, 116, came off the canvas in the first round and won a unanimous decision over Nazai Chalermchai-gym, 115, six.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sakdisamai Chornsirirat, 120, won a unanimous decision over Achen Suktothai, 118, six. This was a return bout.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Chutmongkol Thairungriang, 108, outpointed Slatan S. Somboon, 109, six.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Morakot Sithathanky, 110, halted Somwang Lookjaopraya, 114, in the third session.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sombtr Chuvatana, 119, stopped Parnsak Sithkempetch, 117, in the first round of their scheduled six-rounder.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Vichit Sithkimweng, 133, halted Saifahnoi Pinsaithong, 137, in the second.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Somdej Sakdiphipus, 135, the TBC's top lightweight contender, halted veteran Songkram Singnongpoh, 134, in the second round.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Dechumnaoy Singthanongsak, 120, stopped former kick boxer Kajonkiat O.F.N., also 120, in the third round.

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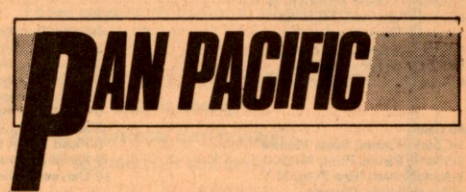

FIJI

▲ **SUVA —** Brian Roberts, 127, Australia, outscored Sawani Raicebe, 125, Fiji, 10.

Worldwide fight results

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Greg Page halted Stan Ward, 7
(Won USBA Title)
John Tate decisioned Harvey Steichen, 10
S.T. Gordon knocked out Harry Terrell, 4
(Retained NABF Cruiserweight Title)
Steve Zouski stopped Claman Parker, 5
Tony Tucker halted Robert Evans,
Mitchell Green beat Robert Evans, 6
Mark Lee halted Morris White, 1
Mike Jameson stopped Larry Ware, 4
Mike Clark decisioned Karl Hess, 10
Conroy Nelson stopped Lupe Guerra, 3
Roddie MacDonald halted Eddie Smith, 3
Gaston Berube took out Ron Rousselle, 2
Roddy MacDonald kayoed Mike Boswell, 6
Trevor Berbick stopped Chuck Gardner, 4
Terry Mims halted Sylvester Wiler, 1
Reiner Hartman outscored Charlie Alla, 6
Roby Jetton knocked out Al Collins, 4
Ali Haakim beat Billy Ratliff, 8
Ken Lakusta flattened Jim Anthony, 2
Robie Williams kayoed Robert McFarland, 1
Alfonzo Ratliff stopped Stanley Johnson, 2
William Hosea halted Mel Hosey, 1
Steve Mormino decisioned Grady Daniels, 8

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Rossman out pointed Luke Capuano, 10
Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez halted Grover Robinson, 4
Bunny Johnson stopped Mike Quarry, 7
Pete McIntyre beat Rudy Robles, 10
James Spears iced Robert Thomas, 1
Matt Snowden stopped Garland Tipton, 2
Willie Featherstone kayoed Bill Hollis, 4
Leon McDonald decisioned Lee Royster, 10
Walter Saxton halted Tom Bennett, 1
Tony Campbell stopped Joe Britt, 6
Tony Mesarooa out scored John Cox, 6
John Collins kayoed Wayne Davis, 2
Charles Henderson decisioned Elvis Parks, 6
Ramon Ranquillo outscored Mike Fisher, 8
Danny Perez destroyed Carlos Smith, 2
Bash Ali outscored Reggie Patrick, 6

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Marvin Hagler halted Fully Obel, 8
(Retained World Title)
Mustafa Hamsho outscored Curtis Parker, 10
Alex Ramos stopped Marciano Bernardi,
Bobby Czyz halted Danny Long,
Bobby Czyz beat Teddy Mann, 8
Robbie Sims kayoed Len Villers, 5
Humberto De Los Rios beat Osvaldo Garcia, 6
Fernand Marcotte halted Don Johnson, 2
Harold Neveau stopped Hector Negrete, 8
Johnny Degazio outscored Jim Henry, 6
Bobby Bland kayoed Kenny Northrey, 2
Joe Dean Wright stopped Jermia Jones, 2
Keith Williams outscored Leon O'Neil, 8
Kenny Whetstone knocked out Victor Randall, 2
Calvin Portier smashed Wayne Dobbin, 4
Bill Modei decisioned Jupi Denard, 4
Jim Kinchen iced Danny Kirk, 4
William "Caveman" Lee iced Jesse Lara, 1
Dominic Fox kayoed Lee Thomas, 3
Esiquio G Jteirrez nailed Abel Wilson, 2
Andres Ramirez embalmed Willie Carter, 2

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rocky Fratto flattened Randy Milton, 1
Elisha Obed halted Rocky Stevens, 9
Barry Audia kayoed Lester Groves, 2
Duane Thomas decisioned David Braxton, 10
Cliff Powder outscored Tom Howe, 4

WELTERWEIGHTS

Pipino Cuevas knocked out Bernardo Prada, 2
Clint Jackson stopped Kenny Heflin, 2
Davey Moore halted Jeff Passero,
Sanford Ricks and Frank Minigan drew, 8
John Digazio halted Lamont Hopkins, 4
Clauzelle Longmire kayoed Juan Hidalgo, 5
Milton McCrory knocked out Santiago-Valdez, 2
Lanny Edmond iced Andre Williams, 1
Leroy Lewis blasted Lennox Sommerset, 2
Don Poole halted Bobby Bascome, 1
LeRoy Hester stopped Costello King, 5
Johnny Staggs kayoed Everett Ryan, 3
Rodney Trusel outscored Dave Moody, 8
Mackie Heimbough smashed Howard Griffith, 1
Leonardo Bermudez TKO'd Alberto Lopez, 8
Fitzroy Guissepi just defeated Juan Hernandez, 10
Johnny Marrone TKO'd Carlos Smith, 1

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Bumphus beat Victor Pappa, 8
Frankie Davis outpointed Jose Ortega, 8
Terry Medlwy halted Johnny Wilson, 2
John Singleton outscored Pat Brennan, 6
Ricardo Jiminez outpointed Rosendo Ramirez, 10
Terry Whitaker kayoed Dwayne Orr, 1
Bruce Williams smashed Lyndon Denny, 6
Betillo Gutierrez stiffened Jose Luis Soberanes, 6
Felix Thauriaux knocked out Martin Parham, 1

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alexis Arguello stopped Robeto Vasquez, 3
Luis Palma kayoed Baltazar Arroyo, 1
Teddy Hatfield beat Jeffrey Goodwin, 6
Gaeton Hart outscored Louie Hubela, 10
Michel Lalone beat Clint Harris, 8
Bryan Anderson and Trevor Evelyn, Drew, 8
Serfio Alvarez stopped Mike Reid, 10
Dennis Dalrymple and Mark Miller were both disqualified.
Anthony Collins halted Richie Duest, 3
Laurie Mann kayoed Dave Dusang, 1
Al Ford outpointed Tony Taylor, 8
Efram Nieves smashed Karieen Aki, 1
Ricardo Peralta stopped Alfredo Pitalua, 5
Chucho Ramirez drew with Memo Miranda, 10
Chucho Ramirez TKO'd Jose Luis Escalante, 8

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Dennis Quimayousie kayoed Tony Styles, 2
Forrest Winchester stopped Robby Smith, 3
Rolando Narratette halted Rocky Ramon, 8
Arturo Diaz halted Tony Salazar, 4

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eusebio Pedroza kayoed Patrick Ford, 13
(Retained WBA Title)
Freddie Roach decisioned David Capo, 10
Freddie Roach stopped Javier Flores, 8
Edel Borunda iced Adrian Estrella, 1
Elpidio Infante beat Juan Paredes, 10
Jose Luis Lopez decisioned Abel Vargas, 8
Christopher Bowen outscored Roy Smith, 8
Bob Zessin beat Donald Wade, 6
Edel Borunda demolished Adrian Estrella, 1
Elpidido Infante whipped Juan Paredes, 10
Jose Luis Lopez nodded Abel Vargas, 8
Francisco Mayo stopped Benito Benitez, 5
Felipe Garcia destroyed Vicente Villalbazo, 1
Martin Castro polished off Javier Amarillas, 1

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jeff Chandler decisioned Jorge Lujan, 15
(Retained World Title)
Lupe Pintor outscored Jose Uziga, 15
(Retained WBC Title)
Fred Hernandez knocked out Paulino Canche, 9
Memo Vallejo TKO'd Hector Cortes, 3
Manuel Vazquez kayoed Manuel Lara Meza, 7
Javier Dominguez flattened Miguel Angel Ruiz, 4
Chul-Ho Kim knocked out Rafael Orono, 13
(Won WBC Super Flyweight Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Hilario Zapa kayoed Joey Olivo, 13
(Retained WBC Junior Flyweight Title)
Willie Jensen beat Julio Rodrigues, 12
(Won USBA Flyweight Title)
Miguel Canto outscored Sung-Jun Kim, 10
Ray Rodriguez flattened Estudiante Munoz, 5
Leonardo Valdez embalmed Angel Felix, 2
Javier Herrea kayoed Casimiro Rosales, 6
Santos Rodriguez outpointed Hector Cortes, 6
Carmelo Bustos whipped Jose Pineda, 4
Joel Torres knocked out Jorge Jimenez, 6
Gilberto Sosa bested Raul Dominguez, 6
Martin Flores shaded Isidro Cazares, 4
Eleoncio Mercedes kayoed Guty Espadas, 9
Bobby Lee Hunter was defeated by Tim Daniels, 4

Amateur ratings

BOXER OF THE MONTH: Featherweight Richard Savage of West Monroe, La., for the dazzling speed and power he showed in the recent U.S.-Argentina match.

HEAVYWEIGHT
1-James Broad, Army
2-Tony Robitaille, Colchester, Vt.
3-David Bey, East Germantown, Pa.
4-Joe Thomas, Philadelphia
5-Joe Ballard, Lynchburg, Va.
6-Parris Flowers, Marines
7-Johnny Keyes, Santa Monica
8-Al Evans, Chicago
9-Greg Stallings, Trenton, Tenn.
10-Andrew Stokes, Lafayette, Ind.
Eddie Richardson, Dallas

178 LBS.
1-Alex DeLucia, Santa Monica
2-Johnny Williams, Chicago
3-Steve Eden, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
4-Elme Martin, Navy
5-Porfirio Llanes, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6-Steve Westbrook, St. Louis
7-Lonnie Epps, Los Angeles
8-Calvin Jackson, Marines
9-George Gordon, Las Vegas
10-Alan Wilburn, Knoxville

165 LBS.
1-Charles Carter, Santa Monica
2-Martin Pierce, Flint, Mich.
3-Andy Schott, New Paltz, N.Y.
4-Randy Smith, Chicago
5-Ken Watson, Marines
6-Brian Pantzlaff, Davenport, Iowa
7-Michael Lee, Laurel, Md.
8-William Trendley, St. Louis
9-Andy May, Clarksville, Ark.
10-Michael Richardson, Springfield, Ohio

156 LBS.
1-Alfred Mayes, Santa Monica
2-James Green, Newark, N.J.
3-James Rayford, Navy
4-Neil Groom, Shawnee, Kans.
5-Joe Robinson, Baltimore
6-Albert Mills, Plainfield, N.J.
7-Ken Butler, Army
8-Glen Thomas, Louisville
9-Dusty Price, Levelland, Tex.
10-David McCall, Des Moines

147 LBS.
1-Gene Hatcher, Fort Worth
2-Kelvin Burton, Santa Monica
3-Darnell Knox, Detroit
4-Roman George, Lafayette, La.
5-Michael Wright, Lynchburg, Va.
6-Tim Christensen, Marines
7-Sean Pruitt, Columbus, Ga.
8-Floyd Peavy, Glen Falls, N.Y.
9-Kevin Andreasen, Salt Lake City
10-Darrow Dudley, Plainfield, N.J.

139 LBS.
1-James Mitchell, Army
2-Harry Arroyo, Youngstown
3-Bryant Ware, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4-Jerome Kinney, Detroit
5-George Hayes, Marines
6-Darryl Robinson, Houston
7-Terry Christensen, Central City, Neb.
8-Darryl Anthony, Florissant, Mo.
9-Efren Bowen, Anderson, Ind.
10-Manuel Vallejo, Santa Monica

132 LBS.
1-Joe Manley, Army
2-Frank Randall, Morristown, Tenn.
3-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
4-Bret Summers, Marysville, Wash.
5-Frankie Davis, Santa Monica
6-Delio Palacios, Benavides, Tex.
7-Billy White, St. Louis
8-Henry Hughes, Cleveland
9-Chris Calvin, Nashville
10-Morris Jacobs, Osceola, Ark.

125 LBS.
1-Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tenn.
2-Irving Mitchell, Army
3-Joe Johnson, Detroit
4-Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.
5-Rodney Watts, Cincinnati
6-Eiichi Jumawan, Wahiawa, Hi.
7-Ronald Gary, Phoenix
8-Roger Trevino, Fort Worth
9-Dino Ramirez, La Puente, Calif.
10-Charlie Brown, Silvis, Ill.
Orlando Johnson, Chicago

119 LBS.
1-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
2-Richard Savage, W. Monroe, La.
3-Randy King, Nashville
4-Tony Montoya, Salt Lake City
5-David Grayton, Washington, D.C.
6-Benji Marquez, Denver
7-Tony Hollis, Osceola, Ark.
8-Barry Housman, Vancouver, Wash.
9-Vern Larvie, Rapid City, S.D.
10-Esteban Agundez, Los Angeles

112 LBS.
1-Robert Shannon, Santa Monica
2-Tommy Ayers, Cincinnati
3-Louis Curtis, Washington, D.C.
4-Tony Pruitt, East St. Louis, Ill.
5-Larry Gary, Phoenix
6-George Killian, Marines
7-Tyrone Stewart, Army
8-Jeff Hanna, Indianapolis
9-Pinkey Rivera, San Jose, Calif.
10-Rocky Young, Moundsville, W. Va.
J.L. Ivey, Detroit

106 LBS.
1-Steve McCrory, Detroit
2-Jesse Benavides, Corpus Christi, Tex.
3-Paul Gonzalez, Los Angeles
4-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
5-Ronald Freeman, St. Louis
6-Adam Silva, Tucson
7-Donald Mays, Knoxville
8-Floyd Favors, Capitol Heights, Md.
9-Kent Neeley, Galena Park, Tex.
10-Rigo Rodriguez, Fort Wayne, Ind.

from *The Amateur Boxer*

Materete Valu, 147, Fiji, knocked out Tommy Roberts, 140, Australia, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

▲ **PORT MORESBY** — Robert Namana, Papua New Guinea, halted Reg King, Australia, in the fourth round, junior welterweights.

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD — Community Club** — Former Australian flyweight champion Charlie Brown, 121, retained his New South Wales junior featherweight title when Steve Walker's seconds hauled down his flag at the end of the seventh round. Walker weighed 122.

The bald statement, though, does not convey the drama of the battle—and a battle it was. In fact, for sheer fight-back by both boxers when under pressure, this was *The* Fight of The Year in 1980. (It was held on December 17.)

Walker, one pound heavier than Brown, walked up into glovefire from the first bell. He scored some success by driving Brown back to the ropes time after time and punishing him there. Brown, however, always fought his way out, took charge, and punished Walker. Brown did not lose a round, but he earned every point the hard way. When referee Trevor Christian walked to Walker's corner at the end of the seventh, Steve was spent. After a short talk with Walker's people, Christian declared Brown the winner.

Brown paid tribute to Walker in mid-ring some minutes later. "Steve is really top class," he said. "I'm proud to be in the same sport."

Six-rounders: Tony Fotia, 155, and Buddy Nixon, 154, drew. Warren Jenner, 158, halted Nooky Curyer, 154, in the second.

Four-rounders: Joe Burruni, 166, outscored Ron Rockford, 174. Rocky Warren, 126, and Nick Conditis, 130, drew.

▲ **MARRICKVILLE — R.S.L. Club** — A most unusual injury terminated an Australian title bout the night after the Brown-Walker battle. Wayne Mulholland, 119½, having dominated the first two rounds against national junior featherweight king Brian Roberts, 122, walked to his corner at the end of the second stanza with his face contorted and his left arm stiffly held.

The doctor, referee, and seconds crowded around for the full minute spell, and, when the bell rang for round three, Mulholland could not come out. The results goes down as K.O. win (by injury) to Roberts.

What caused the injury? Medical pronouncement was that his muscles stiffened, twisted, and dislodged a tendon, bruising it. It was extremely painful, and rendered Mulholland's arm useless. Roberts sportingly stated that he would defend his crown against Mulholland again as soon as Wayne was O.K. Hope he does.

Six-rounders: Sparrow Freeman, 129½, outpointed Bimbo Morris, 127. Patrick Young, 133½, outscored Lloyd Hanna, 134¼.

▲ **SUTHERLAND — United Services Club** — NSW State lightweight champion Willie Tarika (a Fijian domiciled in Australia), 137, outpointed Kirk Blair, 135, in a fast 10-round non-title bout. Tarika won clearly.

Six-rounders: John Layton, 172, stopped Semin Finau, 166, in five. Sparrow Freeman, 122, outscored Joe Carriage, 127. Steve Campbell, 154, outpointed Calby Barkell, 148.

▲ **BERRIGAN** — Chris Ward, 152, and Gil McGrath, 149, drew, eight.

Sparrow Freeman, 122, and Johnny Duff, 125, drew, six.

Greg Crowe, 158, halted Wayne Meredith, 153, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Three-rounders: Lindsay Goode, 152, and Greg McGrath, 148, drew. Mick Barber, 133, halted Joe Crowe, 128, in the first. Tony Cox, 133, stopped Kenny Holt, 138, in the second. Davey Brown 138, halted John Burley, 133, in the first.

▲ **CRONULLA — Labor & Workingmen's Club** — Two eight-rounders headlined Australia's final bill of 1980. It was held on December 22.

Terry Clayton, 152, and Sasa Baleisuva, 146, Fiji (now living in Australia) was one of the best fights of 1980. Clayton won on points. In the other eight, Tommy Roberts, 146, outpointed Dawsie Kelly, also 146, in a good bout.

Chris Bennett, 126, outpointed Bimbo Morris, also 126, six.

Paul Roberts, 137, outscored Rod Connors, 141, four.

▲ **GOSFORD — Central Coast Leagues Club** — The year 1981 opened for Australian boxing here (some 50 miles north of Sydney) on January 7. Barry Michael, 134½, successfully defended his Australian lightweight title for the sixth time, this just three weeks after meeting Jimmy Brown. Party of the second part was Willi Tarika, 135, who gave Michael a stiffer argument than any of his previous challengers. It was not till the 11th round that Barry hit the front of my card or on those of the other officials. Tarika boxed well, but Michael showed why he's the champion. He won round nine by a big margin, weakening Tarika with body punches. Barry won the 10th and had another big round in the 11th. He edged Tarika in the 12th and final round to sew up the decision by two points on the card of referee Dal Conway and on mine. The other judge, Les Gibbons, saw Michael the winner by a wider margin.

VICTORIA

▲ **MELBOURNE — Festival Hall** — Barry Michael, 135, stopped Jimmy Brown, 134½, in the 15th and last round to retain his Australian lightweight title. Michael was in charge throughout.

Ken Eldrige, 175, won the vacant Victoria State light heavyweight title by stopping Graham (Bomber) Murray, 169¾, in the 10th and final round.

Rocky Vilella, 150, halted Johnny Infants, also 150, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-rounder. It was Infants's first bout since August, 1973. Some fellows have to find out for themselves.

Kid Preston, 138¾, stopped Barney Walker, 136¾, in the sixth and final round.

▲ **NOTES** — There were 130 boxing promotions in Australia during 1980. Not a big total when compared with those of the 1970-75 period, but bigger than in 1979, when there were only 114.

Of those 130 bills, 97 took place in New South Wales. Victoria staged 16, Queensland 12, Western Australia two, South Australia, Northern Territory, and Tasmania one each.

Only 317 boxers fought professionally in Australia in 1980, 225 of them living in NSW. These figures do not include the seven importations.

The most active boxer was Sparrow Freeman, with 29 contests during the year. He is a busy boy. He started as a pro in February, 1978, and, in the space of 34 months, has run up a tally of 82 fights!

There were 18 Australian title fights in 1980. Tony Mundine defended his national heavyweight crown once. He did not defend his light heavyweight title, as there was no contender in that division.

Wally Carr did not defend his middleweight title. Alex Temelkov won the vacant junior middleweight title. Frank Ropis won the welter title and defended once.

Jeff Malcolm defended his junior welter title three times in six weeks. Barry Micheal defended his lightweight title twice.

Paul Ferreri, who held the bantam and feather crowns coming in to 1980, added the junior lightweight title and made himself a triple champion. He defended the junior lightweight crown twice, his featherweight title once.

Steve Bell regained the Australian flyweight crown. He had relinquished it in 1978 because he broke his legs go-karting. Steve made two defenses of his title. Brian Roberts defended his national junior featherweight title twice.

Mundine, Malcolm, and Ferreri are world class. As a featherweight, Ferreri would stand a good chance with anyone in the world.

RAY MITCHELL

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
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(AS OF JANUARY 5, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. James Callaghan (Japan)
2. Byun-Grae Yuh (Korea)
3. Joe Willisco (Philippines)
4. Wally Carr (Australia)
5. Caesar Sasaki (Japan)
6. Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
7. Peter Piamonte (Philippines)
8. Masahide Kitamura (Japan)
9. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
10. Chong-Bae Chang (Korea)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Ho Oh (Korea)
1. Deuk-Koo Kim (Korea)
2. Jenrub Muangsurin (Thailand)
3. Battle Hawk Kazama (Japan)
4. Nilo Acido (Philippines)
5. Barry Michael (Australia)
6. Nak-Young Choi (Korea)
7. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki (Japan)
8. Lito Pena (Philippines)
9. Somdej Sakdiphipus (Thailand)
10. Katsuhiro Okubo (Japan)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Sakda Saksuree (Thailand)
2. Hurricane Teru (Japan)
3. Kyung-Ju Ha (Korea)
4. Ronaldo Sumalis (Philippines)
5. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
6. Sang-Bong Lee (Korea)
7. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
8. Yuji Oka (Japan)
9. Chong-Soo Lee (Korea)
10. Takashi Uezu (Japan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
1. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (Philippines)
2. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
3. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
4. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
5. Kenji Shibata (Japan)
6. Baek-Yong Park (Korea)
7. Alberto Cruz (Philippines)
8. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
9. Yung-Sil Chung (Korea)
10. Chung-Yul Lee (Korea)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Fukida (Japan)
1. Tae-Jin Munh (Korea)
2. Nene Jun (Philippines)
3. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
4. Sok-Kyu Park (Korea)
5. Masa Ito (Japan)
6. Francis Camatagan (Philippines)
7. Dorn Sornsakdisith (Thailand)
8. Young-Sae-Oh (Korea)
9. Gen Tosa (Japan)
10. Geron Porras (Philippines)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
William Develos (Philippines)
1. Jackal Maruyama (Japan)
2. Diego de Villa (Philippines)
3. Chul-Ho Kim (Korea)
4. Phakthai Lipovitan D. (Thailand)
5. Sok-Chul Bae (Korea)
6. Ali Baba Luklongtan (Thailand)
7. Pablo Pepito (Philippines)
8. Satoru Koguchi (Japan)
9. Mun-Kyun Joo (Korea)
10. Danilo Inocian (Philippines)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (Korea)
1. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
2. Mike de Guzman (Philippines)
3. Akio Kameda (Japan)
4. Chun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Kwang-Yul Oh (Korea)
7. Tongta Kiatvayapak (Thailand)
8. Danilo Linpahan (Philippines)
9. Dynamite Matsuo (Japan)
10. Jae-Hyung Yuh (Korea)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (Japan)
1. Koichi Matsushima (Japan)
2. Nugprachun Kiatkumchai (Thailand)
3. Dae-Hwan Lee (Korea)
4. Spider Nemoto (Japan)
5. Caesar Ligan (Philippines)
6. Gunawan Komara (Indonesia)
7. Ahn Hyun (Korea)
8. Dedkad Kiatbunyong (Thailand)
9. Gener Cruz (Philippines)
10. Wook-Won Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Kap-Chul Shin (Korea)
2. Kazumasa Tamaki (Japan)
3. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
4. Kwang-Sop Kim (Korea)
5. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Koki Ishii (Japan)
8. Suban Muangsurin (Thailand)
9. Lito Cortez (Philippines)
10. Yuon-Hee Kim (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Americo (Indonesia)
1. Thom Singthanongsakdi (Thailand)
2. Eiichi Fukumoto (Japan)
3. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
4. Eduardo Heneral (Philippines)
5. Jyoken Narita (Japan)
6. Sang-Hyun Baek (Korea)
7. Joe Lim (Philippines)
8. Kongrug Vocharernrat (Thailand)
9. Noboru Hatakeyama (Japan)
10. Dong-Bok Lee (Korea)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Lucas (Philippines)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Dejavarin Hollywood (Thailand)
3. Rey Naduma, Jr. (Philippines)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Neptali Alamag (Philippines)
6. Sang-Jun Cha (Korea)
7. Venice Borkorsor (Thailand)
8. Yukio Segawa (Japan)
9. Chang-Kyum Kim (Korea)
10. Kenichi Ito (Japan)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Siony Carupo (Philippines)
2. Soon-Yun Mah (Korea)
3. Chukthep Chuvatana (Thailand)
4. Masaharu Inami (Japan)
5. Chong-Chul Park (Korea)
6. Srithuncha Sithsanae (Thailand)
7. Juanito Ablaca (Philippines)
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BILLY FOX

A THREAD OF A SCAR RUNS FROM BELOW his left nostril across his cheek and ends just below his left ear. When he removes his Coke-bottle-thick glasses, his eyes are schoolboy-sincere. He is a soft spoken man and one wonders if he could indeed muster up the animosity to swat a fly.

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But when he speaks of his days in the ring, his hands talk, punctuating where his speech leaves off.

"All I ever wanted was to be an honest fighter . . . a great fighter. I wanted to be as great as Jack Johnson . . ."

And then he speaks of his famous bout with Jake LaMotta.

"The way they did it in the movie *(Raging Bull),* it wasn't like that. He (LaMotta) never egged me on like that. He never said 'Come on, come on, hit me'. He never whispered in my ear. We never said a word to each other in the ring."

After 20 years, Billy Fox is just beginning to overcome the agony of his fight with Jake LaMotta; a fight which affected the rest of his life.

Born in Tatum, Oklahoma on Jan. 29, 1926, Fox moved to Richmond, Va. with his family at an early age.

"I stayed in Richmond until I was about 14. And then one day I just left. I had a bicycle, you know, and I left on my bicycle. I didn't know where I was goin'. I just wanted to get away from there. I had an unhappy homelife and I wanted to make a start in boxing, so I just rode away . . ."

He ended up in Appamattox, Virginia—the site where the Civil War ended.

"I had one penny on me at the time, so I auctioned my bicycle off and got $5 for it. I took the $5 and bought a ticket to Washington D.C.

"There I met a woman—a nice old lady—and she trusted me. She gave me a room and meals. Then I got a job and worked to pay her back. I saved a little money and bought a ticket to New York.

"I came to New York on the bus and when I got off in New York City it was so big and there were so many people I got frightened, and I said to myself, how will I ever get started in a big city like this?"

After two hours, long enough to know what he didn't want, he turned around and headed towards Philadelphia. Arriving in Philly, flat broke, he pursued what he *did* want—a career in boxing.

While still a young boy living in Richmond, Billy had sent away for Nat Fleischer's *Training for Boxers,* a beginner's treatise which became a bible to him.

"I studied that book and I practiced according to that book," recalls Fox. "I wanted to become a boxer since I was about 10 years old. I owe my success to that book."

With his book in hand, and his ambition in mind, Fox headed for South Philadelphia, where he met a man named Jimmy Reed, who became his first trainer. And in Reed, Billy found the father-figure missing from his home life.

"Jimmy Reed . . . we were like father and son," Fox muses. "I did everything he said. He was a good trainer and I worked hard for him.

"Later on he (Reed) introduced me to a man named Frank Palermo. He became my first professional manager. People called him 'Blinky'."

Billy was unaware of any connections Palermo might have had with a group known as "The Mob". All Fox knew was that Frankie knew a lot of important people.

"I just wanted to become a successful boxer and he had all the best connections. He watched me train and box and decided to become my manager.

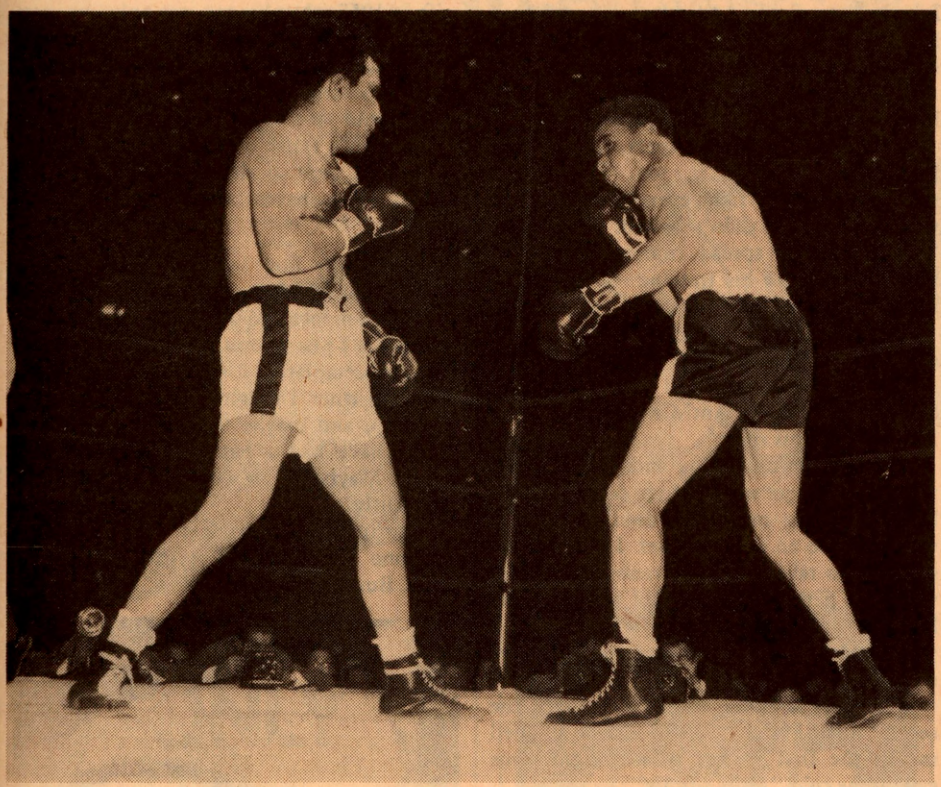
"I had 36 fights with Blinky. The record in the *Ring Record Book* says 43. But that's not true," says the man who was once known as "Blackjack" Billy Fox, a tribute to his punching prowess.

How does the *Ring Record Book* show 43 fights when Fox claims only 36? Fox can only answer, "Boxing was my life. I kept track of my fights. I know how many fights I had. I had 36 fights before I met Gus Lesnevich for the championship of the world.

"And I fought one guy under two different names," Fox threw in gratuitously. "I didn't like this, but I had no say-so . . . I think his name was George Wesley." In a moment of total honesty, the only moments Billy knows, he disclaims credit for those wins, too.

A *Ring* Magazine of the time said, "in compiling his amazing record of an even 50 knockouts in 51 professional starts, many of Billy's 'victims' may have been opponents of dubious quality and even more dubious integrity, but as Jack Dempsey once commented: 'Even if they're all bums, it takes a real wallop to flatten so many of them.' "

BY E.J. GARY



"When I fought Lesnevich," Fox recalls, "I was over confident." I blame my manager for that. He gave me a pep talk, but he gave me the wrong kind of pep talk. He said, 'Don't worry, he's just an old man'. He never said anything like that to me before. I always took every fight seriously. And when he said that, it made me get careless, overconfident.

"I don't remember anything after the fourth round of that fight," admits Billy. Previous to this fight he had only gone over four rounds twice in his career.

"During the rest of the fight I was throwing lefts and rights in desperation. I was tired. I didn't know what I was doing anymore."

And in the 10th round, Fox went down, floored by a Lesnevich right to the chin which followed a hard body punch.

"But I heard every count, and at the count of nine I got up, expecting to continue to fight. But Lesnevich threw his hands up in the air and they stopped the fight. I wanted to continue to fight!" Billy exclaims, disbelief still in his quiet voice as he remembers the moment.

Back on the comeback trail after his loss to Lesnevich, Fox had six fights before his historic battle with a man named Jake LaMotta. He knocked out every one of the six to raise his record to 50-1-0, all by KOs, or 43-1-0, if you listen to Billy.

And then came the Raging Bull.

"When I fought LaMotta, I was in good condition," says Fox. "Very good condition. That was the biggest fight of my career, so quite naturally I wanted to be in tip-top shape.

"LaMotta came at me every second. He kept moving forward. I had to keep a jab in his face. I didn't have a second to relax." His fists clench as he speaks, and his upper body moves in an involuntary reaction to his own story. "He was on me like a bull. He had the right name," Billy chuckles. "Bull".

"I threw so many left jabs . . . I think I was throwing three left jabs a second . . . I jabbed him so much that my arm was sore . . . and this never happened before in my life.

"He looked like he was trying to get at me, but I didn't give him a chance. I kept a jab in his face and he couldn't do anything. The way I fought the guy, he couldn't get to me. I was trying to knock him out.

"I threw a lot of jabs and I set him up," says Fox in earnest, "I threw about 25 or 30 lefts and rights and I thought he was ready to go down. But just as he staggered, the referee came in and stopped the fight. I think he *would* have gone down," Fox says, still doubting after all these years that LaMotta actually took a "dive".

"I think he said that afterwards to save face," explains Billy, referring to LaMotta's subsequent claim the fight was "fixed". "I don't want to call him a liar, but I don't think he's telling the truth."

"That fight ruined my career. It ruined my life," Billy says softly, "It took the heart out of me."

The report of the fight, which appeared in the January, 1948 issue of *Ring* described LaMotta as being slow and sluggish, at 167 pounds, the heaviest he had been since reaching headline status. He fought only in flashes, and the fight itself was described by the correspondent, Nat Fleischer, as a "massacre, with LaMotta too far gone to fight back." The article continued:

"Many and varied were the excuses offered for LaMotta's complete collapse. Most of the scribes termed it a fake fight. But this writer does not subscribe to rumors that a 'fix' had been prearranged, with Jake guaranteeing to lose. Those reports unquestionably were circulated by the last-minute influx of 'Fox Money', which switched the betting odds to Billy's favor. The same sort of rumors also had gone the rounds when Fox met Gus Lesnevich for the light-heavyweight championship. Had Fox beaten Lesnevich, a lot of folks never would have been convinced that the title hadn't been 'bought'. Not only did Fox's managerial board suffer a heavy loss at the box office that night—about $9,000—by taking the percentage and guaranteeing Lesnevich, but there is no saying how many thousands of dollars they dropped in betting on Billy to win.

"The facts of the matter are that the Philadelphia sports gentry behind Fox are heavy gamblers, and just as they guessed wrong on the aging Lesnevich, they guessed right that the once rugged, durable LaMotta had been softened by the advancing years and too many tough battles.

"If Jake had 'guaranteed' to lose to Fox, it hardly seems conceivable he would have stood up under the murderous battering Billy tossed into him. He would have taken a much easier way out—one or two knockdowns, perhaps, then a final one. Was it a phoney? Your guess is as good as mine, but I don't think it was."

As Billy Fox puts it, "Only Jake LaMotta and God know what really happened."

After his fight with LaMotta, Fox felt

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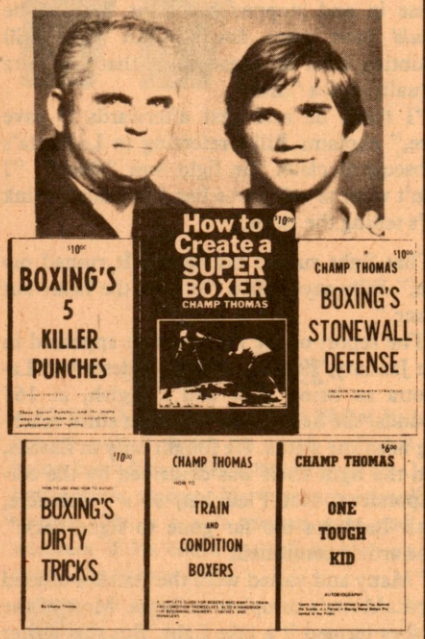

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compelled to leave Philadelphia.

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Fox learned of LaMotta's alleged "dive" before his second fight with Lesnevich.

"I read about it in the papers. And I heard people talking about it, too. There were rumors before the fight even, that the fight was fixed. but I didn't believe in rumors. Sometimes they spread rumors to make a fighter 'cocky' in his training. So I ignored this and I trained hard anyway.

"I'm not saying he didn't take a dive, but I don't believe he took a dive."

After La Motta admitted to taking a dive before the Kefauver Anti-Crime Committee, Billy Fox lost his spirit.

"I was disgusted. Not with myself, but what my manager was trying to do. The fights he was getting me . . . I didn't like it. I wanted to be an honest boxer. I didn't want anybody to take a dive. I wanted an honest victory. I never, not once, did anything dishonest inside the ring. And after that fight, I just couldn't train the same anymore. It took all the heart out of me. I wasn't in good condition when I went in against Lesnevich the second time (March 5, 1948) and he stopped me in the first round. In this fight, Gus caught me cold," Billy admits.

Billy's life changed drastically after his fight with LaMotta. He sold his house and left Philadelphia. He came to New York and took up with a new manager, a man by the name of Hymie "The Mink" Kaplan (his nicknamed stemming from the fact that his profession was that of a furrier).

"But he trained me different than the way I fought," Fox complains. "I fought in the style of Joe Louis. I didn't dance on my toes, like Sugar Ray Robinson. But that is the style Kaplan tried to teach me. At that time I didn't realize what he was doing to my career. But I didn't have the heart to say, 'I don't want to change my style'. But that's what I should have said."

Instead Billy said, "OK, Mr. Kaplan." and he danced.

"I never boxed the same again. I lost my next fight to Red Applegate on June 29, 1948. But if I had fought in my own style, I would have beaten him.

"I lost most of the rest of my fights. When you change your style and start doing something else, it hurts the effect. And that's what happened. I was trying to fight like Robinson and it just wasn't me."

Things went from bad to worse and Fox began to have financial and domestic problems as well. He became separated from his wife in 1952 when his son was only two years old. Today his son would be 31 years old and Billy Fox would not know him if he passed him on the street.

"I would love to see my son," says Billy sadly, with a sense of resignation. "But the last time I went to visit my ex-wife she had moved. I've never seen either of them since . . ."

Today, Billy Fox lives in a hotel on New York's infamous Bowery, working piecemeal construction jobs and living from day-to-day.

"Maybe I just moved up too quickly," says Billy, contemplating his past. "I was only 21 years old when I fought for the world championship, and maybe if I had been older, I would have had a better understanding of things. Maybe things would have worked out differently."

But things *didn't* work out differently. As someone once said, "I wish I could start anew. But then so do you."

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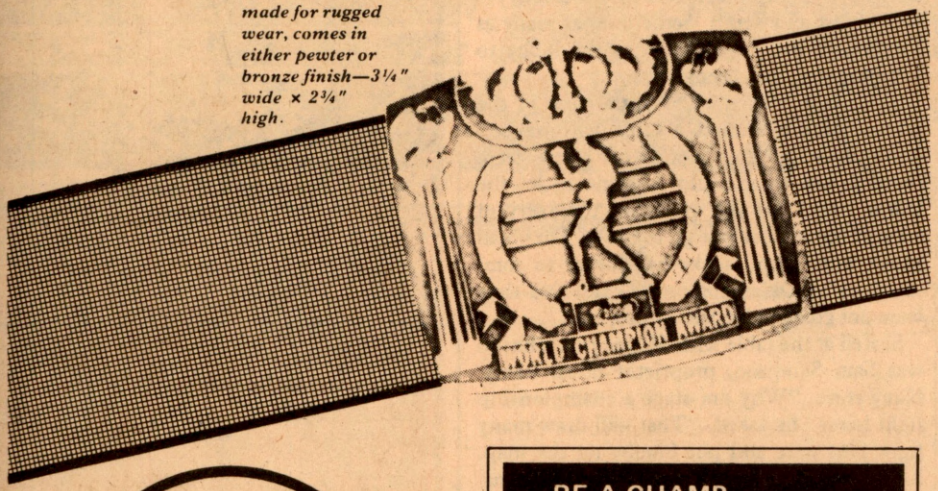

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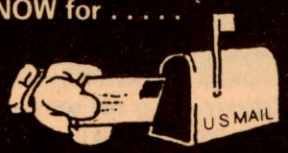

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WHEN DEMPSEY TOOK GIBBONS, HE ALSO TOOK ... SHELBY, MONTANA BOXING'S FIRST STING, CIRCA 1923

BY NAT FLEISCHER

When Harold Smith "went South", and created a new word in boxing's lexicon, MAPSCAM, it served as a vivid reminder of boxing's very first "sting", something which was to become known as "The Sack of Shelby."

However, Smith and Shelby differ in many ways. First of all, Harold Smith's flight of fancy had to do with boxing only peripherally; Banks and computers directly. Secondly, and most important of all, Shelby perpetuated the "sting" on itself, complete with all the time-honored elements in a scam scenario: the set-up, the false hopes and the final, humiliating denouement. It was their cupidity—all done in the name of public acceptance—that allowed this little Montana cowtown to seek its place in the world. And seek the gold that went with it. They got the recognition they hoped for. But they got something more. They got "fleeced."

Here, then, is the story of Shelby, told by Nat Fleischer in an original period piece from the early pages of Ring *Magazine.*

During the summer of 1922, Shelby struck oil, in the Sunburst Field. The town was nothing more than a cow burg with a population of about 500, a town that was regarded in the West as one of the poorest in this country. A few starved, dry dirt farmers, a handful of cowboys and a few sheep hearders constituted the entire population of Shelby. That is, before the oil boom got under way. Sportsmen who did considerable traveling through the West on their way to the coast and traveling men of big Eastern concerns always made certain that Shelby would *not* be one of their stopping places. And they frequently would say, when asked about the town, that it was one good spot to avoid because the natives had nothing to use for money.

Then along came a fellow named Sam Sampson. He was the man most responsible for putting Shelby on the map when he concocted the plan to stage heavyweight title bout in that city. One cold night in January, 1923, a few months after the oil strike, several of the Shelby big shots were having a good ole time. They were whooping it up in a little all-night saloon, the kind that never heard nor cared for Volstead or his prohibition law.

Shelby had begun to boom. The same persons who were there before the oil gushed out of the soil, were still in the town, but unlike previous months, they now had something in their pockets besides lint. Jim Johnson was Mayor of Shelby and mighty proud of it. Added to his faithful little outfit—many of whom had been through the bitter days of starvation with him yet had thrived on the tough frontier life where only a he-man could survive—were some big Eastern oil speculators and California real estate men who sensed a boom and made a quick rush to be in on the kill.

The few rooming houses and the hotel in Shelby, such as they were, were now crowded. It was a reminder to many of the Gold Rush era of California, with people coming in from all sections of the country—East, West and South. Sometimes as many as fifty extra cots were placed in the lobby to accommodate the throng.

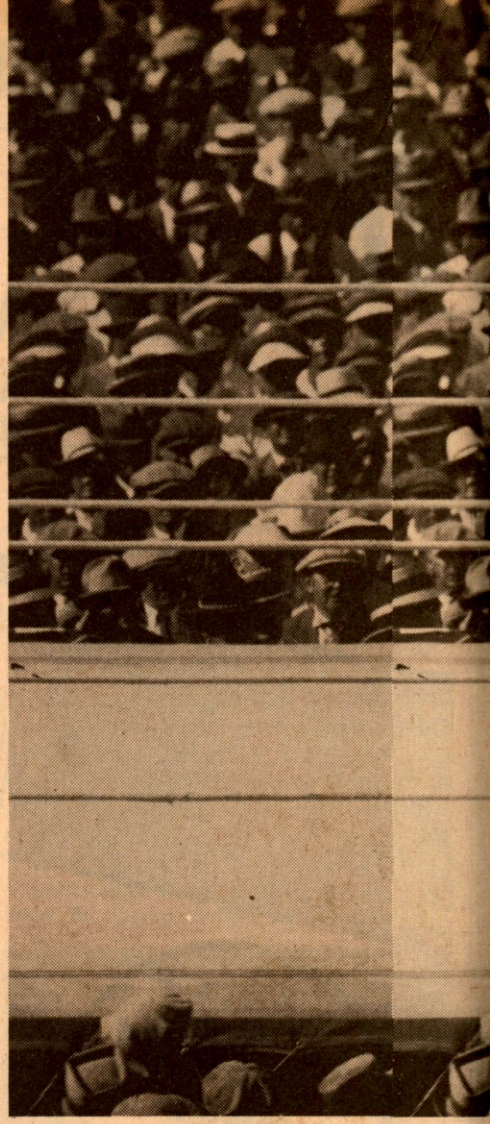
The boom was on. The little gang in the saloon, sitting around a table with several bottles of scotch to quench their thirst, were there to see what could be done to let the world know that the overnight discovery of oil had made Shelby a great town. They had heard what an oil strike had meant to communities in Oklahoma and Texas; and they were not going to let Shelby down.

Seated at the table with Mayor Jim Johnson was Sam Sampson, proprietor of an Army-Navy store. "Why not stage a championship fight here?" he asked. "That will draw many fight fans here and put Shelby on the map. Let's get Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons. Both are popular and we can fill an arena."

Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful idea and, as normally happens, the person who put forward the idea—in this case Sampson—was promptly delegated to be head of the committee to make it happen. That was early in January. Wires tere sent to Dempsey and Gibbons, but there was no response since they never received them.

On March 10, Mike Collins, veteran newspaperman, promoter, manager and publisher of the *Boxing Blade,* received a telegram from Sampson asking him to come to Shelby and look over the possibility of staging a world heavyweight championship fight there on Independence Day. Mike agreed.

When he got to Shelby, he gave it the once over, then coldly remarked to Sampson: "So this is Shelby. Are you crazy?"



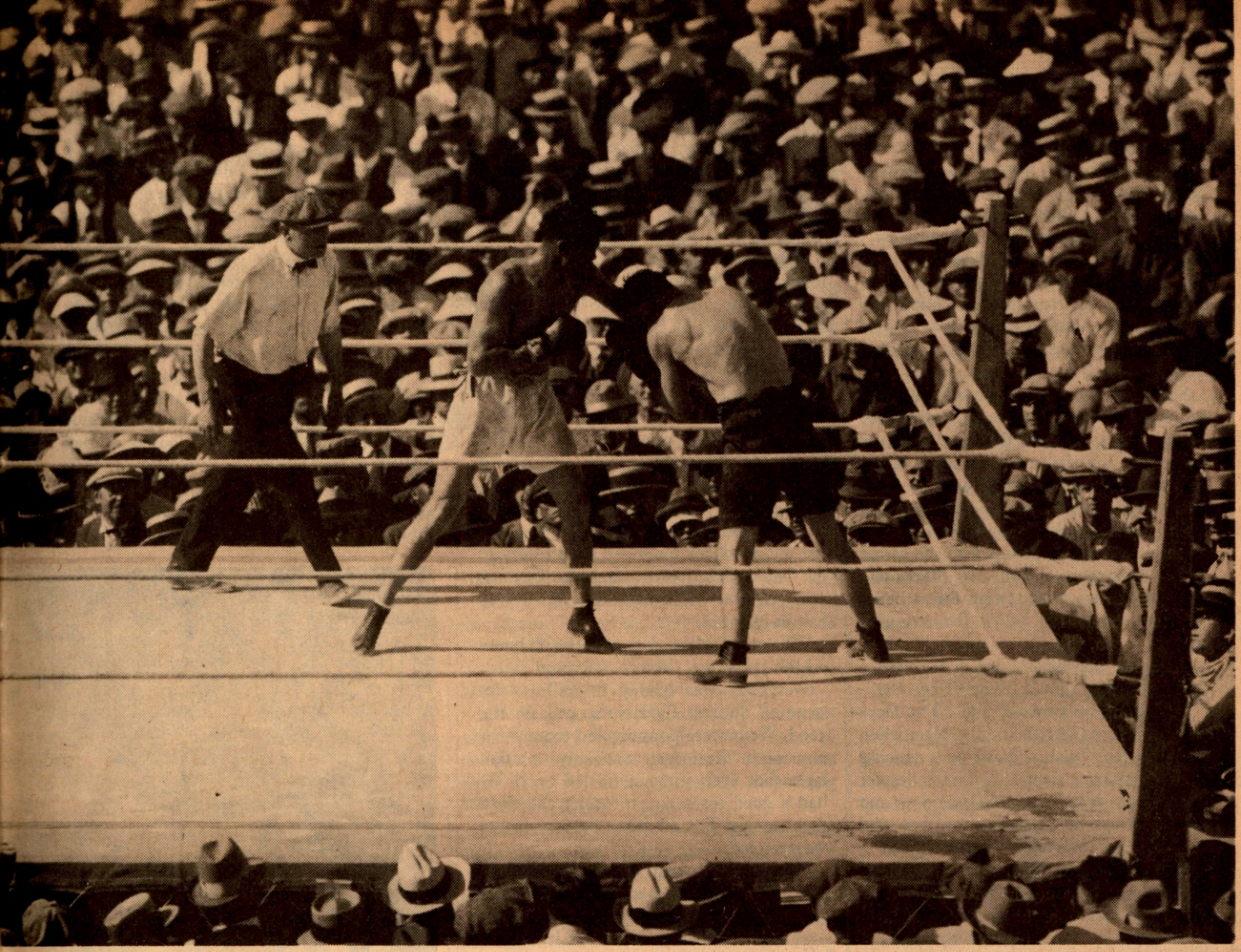
Mike took inventory and found, as he told those in attendance later, "several business houses, three rooming houses, the Silver Grill Hotel, the Great Northern Depot, a mountain on the South, an oil field on the North and the Great Northern Railroad running East and West. I felt I was stung, but didn't have the heart to quit these guys who felt so confident they could put the fight over.

"I could only turn to Sampson and say, 'You'll be the laughing stock of the fistic world. A hick town, a little cow pasture with a population of about 500, trying to outbid big Eastern cities of several million people and millions of dollars backing for the big attraction you say you want. It's ridiculous.'

"There was no way of stopping them. They were determined. Their only answer was, 'Well, we will do it. If you feel otherwise, we're sorry we bothered asking you here.'

"How could I quit such people?" asked Collins of no one in particular.

Mike called a meeting of the Mayor and his friends for ten o'clock the following morning to figure out just how such an ambitious project could be financed. Mose Zimmerman, a well-known horse salesman out of St. Paul, and who by now was the owner of the best land in Shelby and was reselling it at a big profit, was asked to furnish $300,000 to stage



the show and boost Shelby.

When the time for the session arrived, Mose failed to show up. A scouting party was sent to bring him in, which they did. When Mose walked into the meeting, he spoke with anger:

"What in hell are you fellows thinking about? Are you all crazy?"

He told those behind the plan that he had agreed to put up *some* money *if* others would do the same, but that he never had promised to finance the venture with $300,000. And that if he had, he was only kidding.

But the others weren't. They had gone too far to let Mose's lack of enthusiasm for their plan stand in their way.

Collins quit in a huff and went back to his hotel to pack up and go back home, wondering how anyone could honestly believe that Shelby could host such a important event.

Just before train time, Collins had two visitors in his room, Carl Schwartz and John Dwyer. They pleaded with Mike to change his mind and come to the Town Hall where Mayor Jim Johnson and others would speak at a mass meeting of Shelby's citizens.

He reluctantly agreed. A big cheer greeted Collins upon his arrival, the citizenry of Shelby, to a man, firmly believing that if anyone could help put the fight across, it was Mike Collins.

The Mayor asked Mike to speak. He did. He told those in attendance what was necessary to stage such a gigantic affair and that the most essential thing in such promotion was money—and plenty of it.

"Get some money up to show your good faith, and I'll stick with you," said Mike.

Mayor Johnson and Sampson asked how much was necessary.

"We must have $100,000 to start with and another $100,000 in thirty days," replied Collins.

It took exactly eleven minutes to raise the first $26,000. Vouchers for ringside seats were given to those who had pledged the first grub-stake monies and the money was banked.

"Now will you wire the managers of Dempsey and Gibbons and have them come out here to settle matters with us by signing for the fight?" asked Sampson.

"No, not that way," Collins replied. "I won't enter this thing until I see $100,000 raised. When you have that amount, I'll promise you I'll get Dempsey and Gibbons to fight here."

It took eight more days to raise the balance of the ante.

Lou Molumboy, State Commander of the American Legion, and Collins travelled around the State by automobile and air, making about sixty speeches at Rotary Clubs and at Chamber of Commerce meetings and got $110,000 subscribed instead of the $100,000. Still, there was nothing in the way of a signed contract; nothing but a mere promise that might be knocked into a cocked hat by either of the principals refusing the fight offer.

Then Collins wired Jack Kearns and Eddie Kane, the respective managers of Dempsey and Gibbons, to come in from California and Chicago, where each man was then stopping. Both Kearns and Kane wired back their eagerness to go through with such a match, finances willing.

Collins, representing Mayor Johnson and Sampson, flew to Chicago to meet Kearns and Kane at the Morrisson Hotel, famed as a sports rendezvous. It took him nineteen hours.

On May 5th, the articles for the big show were signed. It was stipulated in the contracts that Dempsey was to receive $300,000 and Gibbons was to get 50% after $300,000 was taken in. And not one penny more. Or before. Gibbons had a choice of taking $50,000 in cash as his share or the percentage. He

This is the story of a little town that suffered from too much ambition. Shelby, Mont., the picturesque little cow town that stepped out in front of the world to stage a world's heavyweight championship fight between Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons, has dropped back into obscurity, battered—but not beaten. The shoe string that a game three-man Chamber of Commerce tried to turn into a million was wrapped around the bag that held unpaid bills for almost a quarter of a million dollars.

Shelby once basked in the light of international publicity that a corps of trained big city newspapermen flashed all over the globe, but she sits out there alone in the Montana plains now, with only an occasional paragraph telling the neighbors that "Slim Jones is sinking another well."

Gone are the big saloons with the games in the back room and the red cheeks and the red slippers of the Main Street belles showing above and below the swinging doors.

Gone are the big wooden dance halls—"The Green Light," "The Dirty Cat," "The Cross-Bar Corral," and "The Days of '49" where the girls didn't object when a booted foot crushed down on a dancing foot or when a spur dug into a tender ankle. Gone is all the cowboy glamour and the bally-hoo of the rodeo owners who tried to get cowboys to pay to see a puncher "ride 'em."

The wooden Indian in front of the Rainbow Hotel—the only brick building in the town and the only one that had a room with bath—looks down the dusty street of a wan village. He sees half the structures in the town deserted. The emergency post office, built to handle more mail than the regular force could carry from the trains, is now safe to enter.

Rocks have been thrown through most of the windows in the town. Birds have built their nests under the eaves of "The Days of '49," where the real old-time Western stuff flourished before the Revenue men came along and took down the sign which told all newcomers that "Everything Goes Here." The rooms upstairs in the back are filled with trash.

The district "across the tracks," where an attempt was made to combine the tenderloin of New York and the big joint of Nome is abandoned. Shelby natives won't live there because of the reputation it has inherited. Kids play in the deserted lobby of the Waldorf Hotel where the clerk paid no attention to the register. The windows are all broken in the Biltmore, where house detectives gave patrons a telephone number or hustled a quart if the patron wanted amusement. Their names over the door are all that remain to remind them of their good old days.

The hot dog stands and the drug store that had only two classes of merchandise in stock have almost collapsed.

Main Street, the only street in the town, is virtually empty. The population of the village has fallen from 1,200 at the time of the oil boom to a scant 700.

The natives do not like to have Shelby referred to today as the bust of the century. The optimists still think that Shelby will come back as they thought that the clouds would pour down a rain of gold backs when Dempsey was yelling—"I want my other hundred grand."

We just went a little batty," Big Jim Johnson, the cow-puncher Mayor of the town, said. Johnson was the instigator of the fight. He got the idea and he fell with it for a loss of more than $50,000. Johnson is a giant in size with a smile as broad as the plains where his sheep used to graze. He later hocked these sheep to pay his bills. Despite his losses he hasn't a gray hair in his head.

"We got all worked up over the oil boom which was on then," Johnson said. "Everybody was talking in millions instead of dollars. Everything was on the good. Wells were popping and money was pouring in. Real estate was jumping a dollar a foot every time it turned over. We had a good town and it wasn't the fight that hurt us. The oil didn't come as fast as we expected.

"Two banks went on the rocks," he said, "but I've opened mine again and they aren't afraid to leave their dough in over night. We'll come out of it alright. Things are picking up now. I got in a couple of wells lately that made up for the money I lost on the fight. I'm proud of what we did and damn it, if I had a chance I'd do it all over again."

Tom Costello, who ran the Rainbow Hotel, and who always kept the keys in the pocket of a coat he couldn't find, operated at a loss for two years. Every other hotel has been forced to the wall. The big arena that was built at the cost of $80,000 was torn down and the lumber was sold for $7,000.

The electric light plant that was built for a town of 50,000 had been dismantled. The oil lamps are back in most of the huts.

Not a toothpick remains to mark the spot where Gibbons went fifteen rounds with the Champion. The Gibbons training camp has disappeared, and "The Babe's Joint" where the newspapermen used to gather and sip Canadian ale under the sun has fallen to pieces.

Shelby's past is forgotten here. The natives don't like to talk about it. They still have a hangover from the prosperous days that they still make trips to the cellar with the hope that an oil well will pop up and slap them in the face.

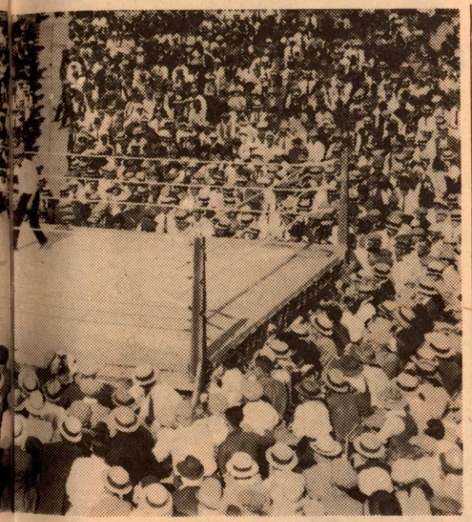
decided on the gamble, a sad mistake as it turned out, for he didn't collect one cent for his efforts.

Back to Shelby flew Collins, this time to get started on an arena.

How to build one became another exercise in financial juggling, there being no money allocated for such a structure. Every citizen of Shelby owned one or more lots on each was eager to have his lot included in the arena. There was plenty of land, but no funds with which to lease or rent such land.

Things were becoming desperate when an idea struck Collins. The only man in Shelby who could get plenty of credit was Mayor Johnson. Collins, therefore, approached the Mayor with the proposition that he accept the post of treasurer so that the townsfolk would have faith in the project and loosen up their pocketbooks.

Within twenty days an arena went up seating 40,000 persons. Not paid for, but built.



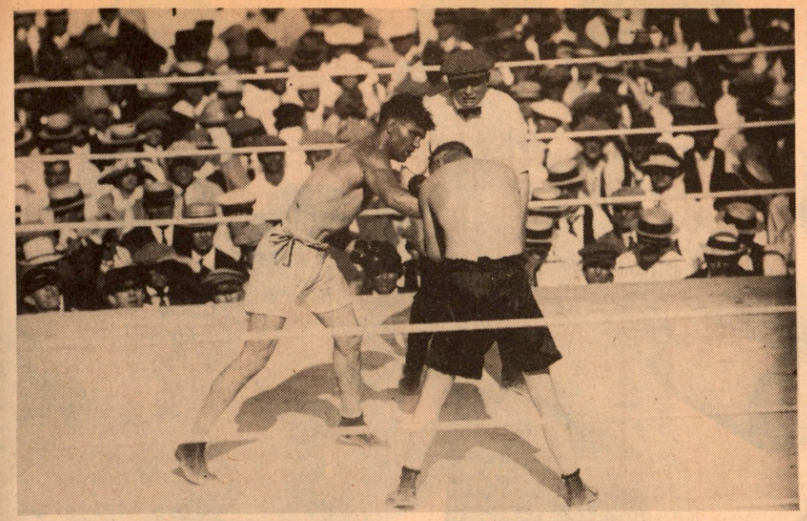
Then the sale of tickets began in earnest and some monies began to flow into the treasury. The owner of the local lumber mill became anxious as fight time approached and demanded payment for his wares. Insisting that he would stop the show, he refused to wait any longer.

Thus one more headache had to be overcome. So Mike Collins, now the major domo behind the venture, hit on yet another idea: Why not make Major Lane, whose company had furnished the lumber, a member of the fight promotion directorate?

"Good idea," said Major Johnson. "Let's call him in."

And Major Lane became part promoter by being made the president of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight, an honor to be cherished at the time, but which brought him nothing but a severe financial hangover later.

That settled one problem. But, like the first crocus of spring, it was a harbinger of many more to come. For until the very moment the gong sounded starting the first round the

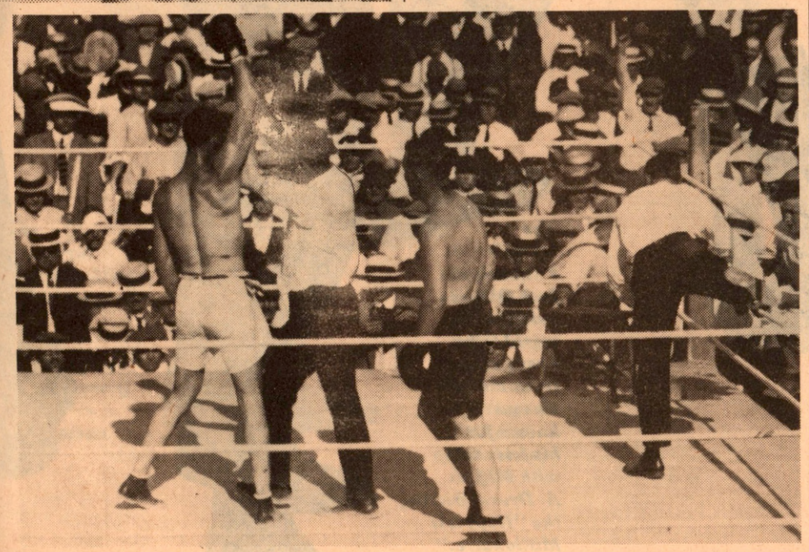


fight itself was in question. And yet, it was the only fight on record which was promoted on absolutely nothing and was put over on scheduled time even though, up to twenty minutes before the event got under way, it appeared that there would be no fight.

The final scorecard would read: Dempsey got his money. Gibbons and the investors in the project got nothing. And the boom town went bust. It was a classic case of nothing from nothing equaling nothing.

Kearns and his partner in the Dempsey end of the promotion, Dapper Dan McKettrick, a New York sportsman who at one time was general manager and promoter at the Old Madison Square Garden, held out for the Manassa Mauler's full guarantee, threatening "no money, no fight".

Frank Walker, who would later become Postmaster General in Franklin D. Roosevelt's cabinet, was head of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company and represented



the banks of Shelby and Great Falls, Montana, in the venture. He called in Kearns the night before the fight and informed him that it was impossible to pay the full sum to Dempsey in as much as the amount could not be collected. Whereupon Kearns, backed by McKettrick, insisted that Walker turn over the promotion to Jack and Dan and that the pair be permitted to keep all receipts from tickets sold at both Shelby and Great Falls. This was okayed by Walker and the next morning, McKettrick took charge.

Just before fight time, the sum of $84,000 was in the till. With that in hand, Kearns agreed to permit Dempsey to enter the ring. And despite the wild rumblings from those who had invested their money in the project and the presence of many armed men, nothing was done to interfere with the proceedings.

As for the fight itself, Gibbons, simply stated, was outclassed. In the beginning, Gibbons used his speed and shiftiness to outmaneuver Dempsey. But in the increasingly frequent clinches, Dempsey punished Tommy mercilessly to the body. The smaller Gibbons fought fast and smart until the tenth round. Then, tired and showing the effects of Dempsey's bombardment, Gibbons was forced to rely on his defensive skills and his courage to survive till the final bell. Though he was thoroughly beaten, he finished the fight on his feet, thus becoming the first man to go the distance with Dempsey since he won the title from Jess Willard four years earlier.

Immediately after the fight, because of threats, McKettrick and Kearns got Dempsey and the rest of the entourage to make a quick exit from Shelby to Salt Lake City. But Dan and Jack remained behind, and, carrying their "bag of gold", went to Great Falls to seek a room for the night. There was none to be had, hence they slept in a cellar beneath a barber shop while they were guarded by Sheriff Benjamin to whom they paid a portion of their ill-gotten gold to stick around with his corps of deputies until Kearns and McKettrick could get away.

Dan went to the Great Northern Railroad office to see the superintendent and asked him whether he could arrange for a special car to take him and Kearns to Salt Lake City where they were selling stock in a mine they owned. An agreement was reached, oiled by a payment of $500, and, about an hour later, they were on their way. Once in Salt Lake City, McKettrick and Kearns sold out their interest in the mine and then, still carrying their precious bag, they entrained for New York City.

When all was over, Shelby had practically been wiped off the map. Three banks had failed; the big shots of the town were broke; the boom that was expected as a result of the fight didn't follow until many years later, and the original promoters had learned all they cared to about promoting a fight. And on how to get "stung". ■

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By Mike Silver

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Called by H.L. Mencken " most peck-sniffian of American cities," Philadelphia had a loser's image for more years than the residents of the so-called "City of Brotherly Love" would ever want to be reminded of. After all, when Harold Stassen, that perennial political also-ran, retired, where did he wind up? Philadelphia, of course. And, when that most famous of expatriates, William Claude Dunkenfield—better known to his minions of fans as "W.C. Fields"—was asked, back in the '30s, by *Vanity Fair* magazine to write his own epitaph, he first wrote "Better here than in Philadelphia," something later amended by a Philadelphia-phile to "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia."

But regardless of what Fields said about Philly or what the citizenry of Philadelphia felt about their representatives, all that has changed. No longer is Philadelphia a loser's town. That's now ancient

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history. For, as the 20th Century turned into its ninth decade—that's right! Count 'em—Philadelphia has become a winner's town. First it was the hockey Flyers, winners of two Stanley Cups; then the basketball 76ers, perennial playoff contenders; next it was the baseball Phillies, rewarding their fans for their patience by winning their first championship in 98 years; and, finally, it was the football Eagles, going all the way to the Super Bowl, and promising their fans bigger and better things *in futuro*.

But while Philadelphia's assorted sports fans have become inured to the long and arduous task of waiting . . . and waiting . . . and waiting . . . for winners, the boxing fan from the City of Brotherly Love has been blessed with enough native talent to have produced at least one world's champion in every decade of the 20th Century.

Over the years Philadelphia has contributed more than its share to American boxing lore and legend. In fact, Philadelphia's greatness as a fight metropolis is underscored by its seemingly endless ability to produce a constant flow of world class fighters despite the ebb and flow of boxing's fortunes.

During the sport's pre-television glory days—an era of great fistic activity throughout the country—Philadelphia ranked with San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, and Baltimore as major fight centers. To be sure, each of these great fight towns could also boast of their own colorful boxing history and favorite sons. But if one wanted to make a distinction between these cities and Philadelphia, it could be found in the fact that Philadelphia produced a certain type of gladiator; a fighter who has come to be known, respectfully, as the "Philadelphia Fighter." This term is not to be construed solely as a geographic designation. Just as the expression "Philadelphia Lawyer" was at one time used to define a sharp, highly skilled and clearly superior member of the legal profession, so too has the term "Philadelphia Fighter" taken form and flight to denote the same qualities in a breed of fighter that seemed to flourish in that locale. To be designated a "Philadelphia Fighter" was a high honor in fistic circles and an accolade which had to be earned. It is a tradition that lives on—albeit on a much smaller scale—even today.

Ask an old-time Philadelphia fight fan—preferably one over 50—to name his city's best and two legendary names are sure to be mentioned right away: Former light heavyweight champions Tommy Loughran and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Give him some more time and he will invariably mention another former light

Johnny Jadick won the junior welter crown from Tony Canzoneri.

Benny Bass won the junior lightweight title with a questionable knockout over Tod Morgan in 1929. He lost the crown to all-time great Kid Chocolate in Philly on July 15, 1931.

Vincent Forgione was a popular Philly club fighter in the late 1920s and early '30s. He was a contender as a welterweight and middle.

Midget Wolgast, one of the top flyweights of all-time. His real name was Joe Loscalzo.

Master boxer Tommy Loughran held the world light heavy crown from 1927-29. He boxed Max Baer's ears off in a 10-round bout in 1931.

Percy Bassett, one of the most feared of featherweights.

Joey Giardello won the middleweight title after 15 years of fighting.

Welterweight Gil Turner fought Kid Gavilan for the title in Philly's Municipal Stadium in 1952. Gil had won his first 31 fights —25 of them by knockout.

heavyweight champion, the very clever Battling Levinsky. (Philadelphia seems to have an affinity for light heavyweight champions, having crowned five of them). As he continues to reminisce, the old fan's eyes will cloud over and his voice will take on a strange longing quality as he speaks of that masterful southpaw Lew Tendler, who surely would have been lightweight champion had he not had the misfortune to be active during the reign of the invincible Benny Leonard. And then, without encouragement, he will tell you about the slick Johnny Jadick (who twice defeated Tony Canzoneri) and the tough hard punching ex-featherweight champion Benny Bass. He may also mention Philadelphia's only flyweight champion, Midget Wolgast, or if he is old enough to remember, former welterweight champion Harry Lewis. Both of these marvelous fighters—practically unknown by today's fans—were good enough to be listed in Nat Fleischer's all-time rankings of the top ten fighters for each division from 1892 to 1959. And, finally, if the old-timer really knows his boxing history he will mention the names of long forgotten contenders—men who gave Philly one of the richest history of any boxing capital in the world. There were crack lightweights Eddie Cool, Harry Lenny, Eddie Kid Wagner, Harry Kid Brown, Young Jack O'Brien, and Jimmy Tyghe; welterweights Unk Russell, Jack Blackburn, and Bobby Barrett. Featherweights Harry Blitman, Danny Kramer and Eddie O'Keefe; middleweight Vince Forgione and light heavyweight Matt Adgie.

All of these outstanding fighters, and so many more, came out of Philadelphia's excellent farm system. In boxing terms the "farm system" meant the independent neighborhood fight clubs that gave the aspiring pugilist an opportunity to grow and learn his trade in much the same way that the vaudeville circuit was the fertile training ground for the many singers, entertainers and comedians of a bygone era. Philadelphia's farm system was a healthy one. Every night of the week, except Sundays, a neighborhood club ran a regularly scheduled fight card somewhere in Philly. Arenas like the Cambria A.C. Olympia A.C., and the National, were household names to a generation of Philadelphia fight fans. On any given night, for a 25¢ or 50¢ general admission, a fan might catch Philadelphia Jack O'Brien going through his bag of tricks, or watch Jack Blackburn display the moves that 25 years later he would teach to a young Joe Louis. On another night he might be privileged to see a ballet-like performance of the "art" as interpreted by that master of self-defense, Tommy Loughran.

Garnet (Sugar) Hart, a 5'11" welter, was a top 10 fixture in the late 1950s.

Ring technician Harold Johnson wasn't exciting to watch, but people who knew boxing loved him.

Len Matthews, featherweight contender, fought from 1957 to 1964. He beat Orlando Zulueta, Paul Armstead, and Kenny Lane.

The late Tyrone Everett was robbed of victory in his WBC junior lightweight title fight with Alfredo Evangelista in Philadelphia.

"Smokin' " Joe Frazier, heavyweight champion of the world from 1970 to 1972. Joe was a big favorite everywhere.

The goal of every up and coming fighter in Philly—short of getting a title shot—was to headline at the city's famous Convention Hall. Second only to New York's Madison Square Garden in prestige, the 15,000 seat arena was the setting for many a great fight. There was not a name fighter of the '20s, '30s and '40s whose path, at some point in time, did not take him through Philly. The city played host to many memorable fights including heavyweight championship defenses by Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. On September 23, 1926, a record crowd of 120,000 people paid their way into the gigantic Sesquicentennial Stadium to watch Jack Dempsey lose his heavyweight crown to Gene Tunney. Fourteen years later Joe Louis dropped in long enough to flatten a local "townie," Gus Dorazio, in two rounds. The first Marciano-Walcott and the third Ezzard Charles-Walcott championship fights also took place in Philly. The city even had its own answer to Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs in Herman Taylor, premier fight promoter, who kept big-time boxing alive in Philadelphia for almost half-a-century.

Philadelphia's boxing fans had the best of both worlds, for less than 100 miles away was New York City, which, of course, was synonymous with boxing's holyiest of holies—Madison Square Garden.

Philadelphia boxing thrived right up to the early 1940s. Then came World War II and the world, much less boxing, would never be the same.

The postwar era brought with it many changes. Professional boxing, like the rest of the country, changed. For the better, argued the progressive theoretician. For the worse, argued the boxing fan. The most significant change, as far as boxing was concerned, was the gradual disappearance of the neighborhood fight clubs. The effect of this was twofold: The death of the small clubs caused a decline in both the quantity and quality of the professional boxer; and it also signalled the beginning of the end of America's dominance of world boxing. This is not to imply that there were no longer good fighters to be found—there were—only that their ranks were considerably thinner.

What is considered progress in one area is often just the opposite in another. Dormant arenas were torn down and paved over, becoming, on some asportive architects renderings, shopping centers or apartment complexes. Others were converted into bingo parlors, biding time until the wrecker's ball reduced the ancient relics to rubble. Except for a few diehards, most promoters faded from the scene. Some fight towns were hit worse than others. But all were affected. Philadelphia was no exception.

There have been many theories advanced as to why boxing began to die in the U.S. The rise of the monolithic International Boxing Club and its virtual stranglehold on the sport was a contributing factor. Certainly its misuse of television and its cannabalistic approach to its most important asset, its boxers, did not help the sport.

But a much more basic change paved the way for the inevitable end. The Great Depression had ended shortly before America entered World War II. The postwar years presented new opportunities for attaining jobs, money, and the "American Dream." Fewer young men were hungry enough to consider the brutal rigors of the prize ring as a plausible alternative to earning a living. In fact, if a latter-day William Holden were to remake *Golden Boy,* he would leave the ring for his violin.

Whatever the reasons for boxing's decline, one thing became abundantly clear. The "good olde days" were gone forever. The so called Golden Era had ended with a whimper, not with a bang.

Formerly busy fight towns fit into two categories; those that for all intents and purposes became boxing ghost towns and those that continued to maintain a semblance of activity, limping along as best they could. Philadelphia fit into the latter category. Yet, remarkably, in spite of the adverse circumstances, the city continued to produce world class fighters out of all proportion to its boxing activity. It was as if a city with such glorious tradition simply refused to be counted out without putting up one helluva fight.

As the complexion of everything else was changing, so, too, was the complexion of Philadelphia boxing. The prewar years had seen Philly boxing dominated by Italian, Jewish, and black boxers. But the winds of social change soon were to rearrange the make-up of the component parts. As the old guard gave way, a new breed of fighter came to dominate the scene—the great black fighters of the late '40s,'50s and early '60s, years which also happened to coincide with boxing's television era.

The hectic activity and energy of the once-busy, but now defunct, neighborhood clubs seemed to find an outlet in the gyms of Philadelphia. And the competition was fierce. A new face had to prove himself in the sparring ring in order to gain respect. A sort of wild west atmosphere pervaded as gloves and left hooks replaced loaded .44's and the fast draw. Thus was born the legendary Philadelphia gym wars, many of which were better than legitimate fights.

But not all boxing people approved of these hell for leather workouts, pointing out that the wear and tear on the fighters involved in these vicious gym wars often did more harm than good; a factor which may help to explain the sudden rise and equally swift descent of so many promising Philadelphia fighters. Their best fights may, indeed, have been left in the gym.

But regardless—or irregardless as A.A. Milne was wont to say, regardless of the fact there is no such word—there is no disputing the fact that these colorful and exciting gladiators wrote their own thrilling chapters and continued the grand tradition of their forebears as tough and feared ringmen. Fight managers still had to think twice when they were offered a match against a "Philadelphia Fighter."

The old-school "Philadelphia Fighter," if he truly deserved to be honored as such, was a finished product. The years spent on the small club circuit facing all types of opposition smoothed out his rough edges. This invaluable experience gave him polish and made him a complete fighter. It is an advantage that no number of gym workouts and sparring sessions, no matter how rugged, can match. These old-time battlers came in all shapes, sizes and styles. Some were considered boxers, while others were known as punchers. But all had one thing in common: Each and every one was an all-around pro.

Then, along came television—with its propensity to eat its young—and the face, and faces, of boxing changed. TV's thirst for new faces far outweighed the meager supply available. Young talent was

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chewed up and spit out faster than a used-up mouthpiece. And since Philadelphia was still fertile ground for the "sensational prospect" it ended up sacrificing its share of young hopefuls to the one-eyed monster. Through no fault of their own many of these fighters just weren't ready for stardom. The new breed of "Philadelphia Fighter," with less than 20 pro fights to his credit, often found himself rated amongst the top five contenders—a tribute to his talent, but in far too many instances a KO blow to his ring future. In that rarified atmosphere it was inevitable that he would meet another highly-rated contender who would expose his shortcomings as a fighter.

Some of those TV era fighters did come part way up the ladder, although they never did quite reach the top rung. The welterweights, Gil Turner's old division, seemed to be the most prolific, turning out a number of top-notch fighters. "Sugar" Hart, Charley Scott, and Stanley "Kitten" Hayward were among the outstanding welterweight fighters of their day. And they didn't come much better than classy lightweight contender Len Matthews, an exciting boxer-puncher, who was very popular with the fans. Light heavyweight Von Clay and welterweight Percy Manning may have looked too impressive too early for their own good. Both were rushed into tough competition much too soon. Bantamweight Billy Peacock, a former national amatuer champion, might have developed into an attraction, but fighters weighing below 126 lbs. were all but extinct on the east coast. The few that remained found it more profitable to move their base of operations to Los Angeles where competition among the little men was plentiful.

Finally, in the early 1960s, two veteran throwbacks of the old school hit paydirt. Classic light heavyweight boxer Harold Johnson and old pro Joey Giardello both won titles in the twilight of their respective careers. Others, though, were not as successful. George Benton, a fine middleweight—and now a fine trainer—found that the brass ring was beyond his grasp. Colorful welterweight "Gypsy" Joe Harris and heavyweight Leotis Martin (best remembered for his sensational KO of Sonny Liston) both tragically had their careers cut short after suffering detached retinas. Eye trouble also forced the premature retirement of excellent welter prospect Dick Turner.

Although Philadelphia had produced 11 world champions and scores of world class fighters, the fans still hungered for a

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heavyweight champion to call their own. The city hadn't seen a serious heavyweight contender since Dan Bucceroni was active some 15 years previous. In desperation some of the fans were willing to accept the redoubtable Sonny Liston as Philadelphia's first heavyweight champion. Sonny, a troublesome sort, originally hailed from St. Louis, Missouri, but had fought out of Philly for a number of years. However, trouble with the authorities—a recurring problem with Liston—eventually caused him to pack up and head for Denver, Colorado. Upon arrival in Denver Sonny lost no time in commenting upon his former hosts, "I'd rather be a lampost in Denver than the mayor of Philadelphia" was the way he so charmingly put it.

The early 70s saw other disappointments for Philly's fight fans. Promising middleweights Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts and Will "The Worm" Monroe never, unfortunately, got past the promising stage. Beloved, old warhorse Benny Briscoe (still chugging along at age 38 or so) was turned back in three tries for the middleweight crown. Junior lightweight Ty Everett and light heavy Richie Kates also failed in bids to win the title.

It remained for a 200 lb., left-hooking, human dynamo names Smokin' Joe Frazier to revitalize the fans and bring to Philly its first undisputed heavyweight champion.

Frazier epitomized the Philadelphia fighting spirit. He gave no quarter. And asked for none in return. One can safely assume that all future Philadelphia heavyweights will be measured against this man.

As we leave the '70s and enter the '80s it becomes apparent that the breed known as the "Philadelphia Fighter" is an endangered species. The rare specimens that do come along are to be savored and appreciated like a fine vintage wine. There is at present only one active fighter that can even be considered a member of this elite corps—Matthew Saad Muhammad, formerly known as Matthew Franklin.

As a professional fighter Matthew Saad Muhammad's roots are not in question. He is a direct descendent of the great fighter of old. He can box when he wants to, or punch when the situation demands it. He is relentless, tough, and fearless. Managers and fighters alike hesitate when his name is mentioned as an opponent. In other words he is the Last of the Mohicans . . . An American Buffalo . . . A "Philadelphia Fighter." ■

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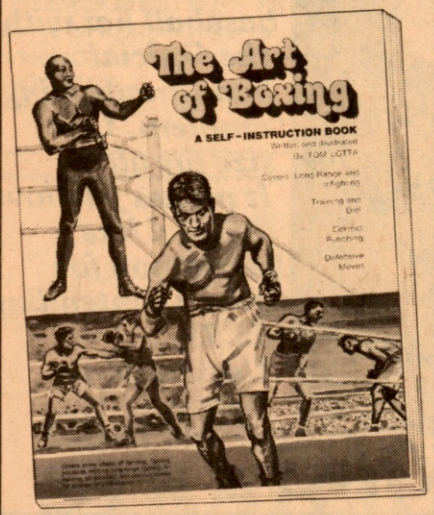

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By Red Smith

"BOXING'S BIGGEST SCAM," WAS THE caption on one story. Another piece referred to it as "a $20 million-plus embezzlement in boxing." On the air and in the papers, there have been repeated references to a "boxing scandal" with, naturally, the assertion, that the collapse of Harold J. Smith's high-octane fight promotion in Madison Square Garden had given the Sweet Science "another black eye."

What blithering nonsense. The alleged embezzlement of $21.3 million from a Wells Fargo Bank branch in Beverly Hills, Calif., is a boxing scandal in exactly the same sense that it is a racing scandal when an absconding bank teller drops his loot playing the horses. As a matter of fact, Harold Smith, the main man in MAPS (Muhammad Ali Professional Sports), is believed to be hidden owner of several thoroughbreds. If he had any ill-gotten swag, chances are he spent some of it buying oats, so why shouldn't the mess be called a racing scandal? Or a rock-concert scandal, inasmuch as Smith is supposed to have promoted shows of that variety? Or a track and field scandal, for another venture of his?

If it is a scandal of any variety, then it is a banking scandal or perhaps a computer scandal. If crooks can tap the till for $21.3 million just by punching keys on a computer terminal, that is indeed scandalous, but boxing is in no way implicated in the theft. The crime is in stealing the money, not in squandering it on inflated purses for fighters or blowing it on gin and blondes and the ponies, or on a dice table in Las Vegas, Nev.

These truths ought to be self-evident but they appear to have escaped many sportswriters and commentators, and writers of headlines and editorials. For them and their forebears, the Sweet Science has been a whipping boy for a couple of centuries. It would be inconvenient to have to change their values at this late date.

Typically, the two biggest shows of recent months were described as black eyes for boxing. Individuals who did not describe the Super Bowl mismatch as a black eye for football applied that threadbare term to the fiasco in Las Vegas, where Larry Holmes exposed Muhammad Ali as the hollow shell qualified observers had known him to be. They took the same view when Roberto Duran, for reasons still known only to him, surrendered to Sugar Ray Leonard. That may have been a black eye for Duran or possibly for New Orleans cuisine, but not for boxing, unless somebody had arranged for the bout to end as it did, a preposterous suggestion.

Muhammad Ali sold his name to MAPS, but nobody has implicated him in any hanky-panky. He would have a hard time, though, defending himself against a charge of stupidity or, at least, stupid carelessness. Now that he can't fight anymore, all he has left is his name, which should be worth more than the half-million or so that he collected in fees from MAPS.

In the 17 years since he adopted it, Ali's name has come to mean at least as much as Ronald Reagan's or Frank Sinatra's. If his experience with Harold J. Smith has taught him that it should not be sold for any price, then the price he has paid in embarassment is cheap.

One reason boxing has always been a whipping boy is that in fiction and the films it has always been depicted as cruel and venal. Managers are always soulless leeches. Promoters are always scheming thieves. The fighter is always a pigeon off the streets, ripe for plucking.

Parts of the picture are accurate. Because there is big, quick money to be made, boxing does attract thieves. "Was I a street kid?" Billy Conn said when he was light-heavyweight champion. "I grew up in an alley. I never saw a street till I was 18 years old."

On the other hand, when the great manager Billy McCarney was dying, he told his son Ray: "I've got this tin box with a lot of paper in it. Don't waste your time trying to collect on it. But you'll find my I.O.U. to Jack Hurley, and, if you can afford it, I'd like for Jack to be paid."

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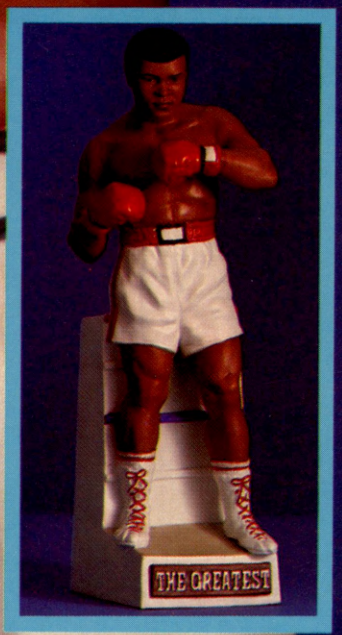

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